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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the Summer 2009 issue of the Wesleyan Magazine! A Wesleyan education is recession proof, as you'll see throughout this issue in which we celebrate the pioneering spirit of generations of Wesleyan women in the fields of business. Reflecting on her professional life in the 70s, one alumna from the class of 1964 remarked, "We didn't break the glass ceiling during that time, but I feel we put some cracks in it."

Clearly, times are changing. Exciting opportunities await Wesleyan women of today. Overall, more Wesleyan College graduates pursue business-related professions than any other field. Business administration and economics are consistently two of the top majors on our campus. Academic programs also are offered for international business and finance, and popular newer majors include accounting and advertising & marketing communication.

Year after year, Wesleyan advances students majoring in business to the most competitive graduate programs in the world like the London School of Economics, Carnegie Mellon University, and Johns Hopkins. Wesleyan business students are consistently accepted to prestigious internships and have won valuable scholarships for graduate study. This year's graduates are off to pursue big dreams; many will continue on to graduate school while others landed hot jobs – despite the recession – with employers like GEICO, Pricewaterhouse Coopers, and Ernst & Young.

After gaining experience in a professional field, several business graduates have returned to their alma mater for advanced study. We are excited to report the success of our newest graduate program, the Executive MBA. You'll meet some of our EMBA graduates in this issue (many of whom are male) and learn why they chose Wesleyan to get ahead in today's global marketplace.

It's no surprise that we are showcasing so many Wesleyan women shattering glass ceilings in the fields of business. At every step, Wesleyan is intentional in its mission to develop leaders, and engaged alumnae are a critical component of our efforts to reach this goal. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Summer Leadership Institute, a leadership program unique to Wesleyan and one

shining example of how alumnae can get involved. We know you will enjoy reading about how this extraordinary initiative has affected several of its participants. We also highlight another new program designed to develop future leaders, the Pierce Pioneer Leaders Program.

Service is a critical part of Wesleyan's curriculum and is integrated fully into the classroom experience. Wesleyan accounting students, for example, have been giving out lots of free advice. The group spent their Saturdays this spring volunteering with the Macon Housing Authority Family Investment Center's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. After successfully completing tax preparation coursework required by the IRS, they set out to help prepare tax returns for members of our community. This VITA project illustrates how service-learning components are built into the curriculum to produce incalculable results.

Of course, our business students are fully capable of directing themselves as well. Competing with sixteen other colleges and universities, the Wesleyan chapter of the professional business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi recently placed second in a Regional Case Competition in Atlanta. With thirty active members, Alpha Kappa Psi is one of our largest student organizations and is open to all majors with the premise that both business and professionalism are essential for every college graduate. The group participates in many campus and community service projects, plus successful fundraising and professional events including a wildly successful "Fiscal Fitness" series of convocations. Our students are insightful and perceptive about the skills needed to shatter a few ceilings of their own.

But all business aside, re-capping 2009 STUNT, Alumnae Weekend, and Commencement are a must, so look forward to those highlights within the next seventy pages, too. Take time to meet Five Faces of the Class of 2009, a young and creative entrepreneur, and our oldest living alumna (who tells all). Return to our campus this year – whether it's to enroll in our EMBA program or attend one of a hundred events planned. Just come on. We can't wait to see you!



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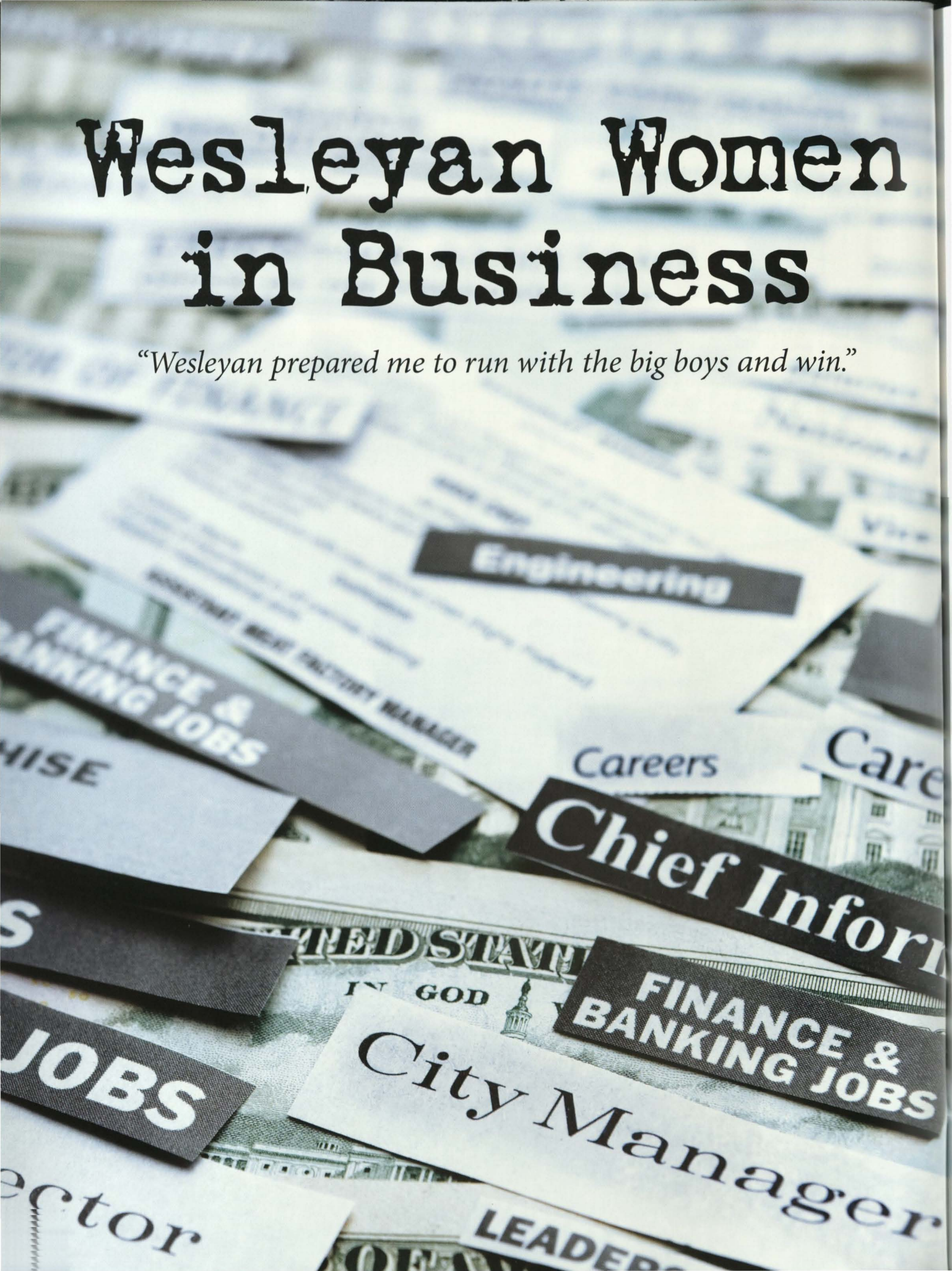
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# Wesleyan Women in Business

*"Wesleyan prepared me to run with the big boys and win."*





When Elizabeth "Liz" Humber Hean Stone graduated *cum laude* from Wesleyan in 1948 with a degree in chemistry, she could not find a job in her field. At the time, it was unconventional for women to gain employment in a research setting. She returned to her hometown of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where many business owners were longtime family friends. They, too, were reluctant to hire a woman to do a "man's job."

So, this fourth generation Wesleyanne began teaching physical education, Latin and Spanish, and running the office in a local private school. For many years Liz helped her husband through law school, reared children, volunteered, and ran her husband's family business for a short period of time. Each commitment strengthened her business acumen and, in 1991, she purchased the travel agency she runs today (at the age of 82).

Liz represents an era in American history when women had few opportunities in rapidly growing business fields like science, technology, advertising, finance, and manufacturing. Today, women represent over half of America's labor force and many are running companies that once saw gender as an obstacle.

Although fixed gender roles result in inequalities that continue to negatively impact women and children, recent national survey findings show that women start new businesses at twice the rate of men, earn more degrees at every level and with higher grades and honors than men, and hold more middle management positions than men.

While change has occurred swiftly, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, our culture still supports salary structures that result in gender pay gaps of 25% or more. Many women who have reached the very top of their profession are holding their own and would rather not talk about gender, considering it a non-issue. But several Wesleyan women excelling in a wide variety of business fields believe it's important to view individual success with historical perspective and open more doors for future generations.

Liberal arts colleges for women attract those who believe they can change inequalities. Since its founding in 1836, Wesleyan has remained intentional about providing an education that prepares women to be agents of change and advocates for social justice as professionals, community leaders, and family members.

One such agent of change is Gail Thompson Webster-Patterson who graduated from Wesleyan in 1964. Those were the years, she explained, when a woman could always be a secretary if she needed something to fall back on. So in addition to earning a bachelor's degree in business administration, she took Katherine Gibbs steno classes, just in case. After she married, her husband left for a fifteen-month tour with the U.S. Armed Forces and Gail, armed with a degree, looked for a job. She could have taught school, performed social work, or put to use the Katherine Gibbs training, but it was the thrill of the chase in the business environment that interested Gail. Her father, who was a banker, had a contact at Virginia National Bank. She got the job, but knew that without her father's recommendation, she'd have never been granted an interview.

In 1969 Gail moved with her husband to Binghamton, New York, and began looking for a new job. Even then, with several years experience, it took time to find another position in the financial field. "The two operations in town that could use my services could not believe a female had been allowed to talk to customers and actually manage estates and money," she said. Eventually Gail was hired, rose through the ranks, and became senior vice president and senior trust officer with that company. Today Gail is an executive vice president at Huntington National Bank in Naples, Florida.

Martha Simmons Woodall '64 entered the financial field in 1969 working with (now) SunTrust Bank and retired thirty years later as a branch vice president. "My jobs all required good communications skills and I believe Wesleyan provided this background in the humanities during the 60s when I was a student," said

the sociology major. "Being a part of Wesleyan engenders a strong sense of sisterhood and mentoring. Early in my career at SunTrust, I became acquainted with the National Association of Bank Women (NABW), an organization that encourages the promotion of women managers and officers."

In 1981, Martha was elected president of the Greater Atlanta Chapter of NABW and helped organize a statewide association of NABW chapters in Georgia. "In the 70s and early 80s, this organization was important in my career development and in helping younger bankers find their way up the ladder of success," she said. "We didn't break the glass ceiling during that time, but I feel we put some cracks in it."

According to Kathleen Neal '67, in a time when women were struggling to come into their own as equals in the workplace and in the world, Wesleyan gave her the confidence that she could do whatever she chose. Having worked more than twenty-five years in public relations and marketing, Kathleen claimed she's "been there, done that, gotten the t-shirt and written the book!" Kathleen has been a volunteer, staff member, or board member for over thirty nonprofit organizations. She earned a master's degree from Georgia State University and is accredited by the Public Relations Society of America. In 2001, she started her one-person public relations and marketing consultant business, Arnold Neal Communications, Inc. Also that year, her book, *A Primer on Nonprofit PR: If Charity Begins at Home*, was published by Pineapple Press.

Kay Carroll Barnes '60 envisioned herself as an educator rather than a successful business owner. She graduated *magna cum laude* with a degree in mathematics and has taught high school mathematics for forty-one years, winning numerous awards along the way. On the side, she owns and operates Carroll Farms, the largest producer of peaches in the west central Georgia area, with her son. In their Peach Shoppe, they sell homemade peach ice cream and other peach products including jellies, preserves, salsas and such.



She grew up working in the peach operation and from the time she was five years old she was stamping peach baskets in her father's packing shed. She inherited the business from her father in 1983 and has worked almost every job in the business. Today she runs the packing shed while her son runs the orchard. Though it is a twelve-month a year job, Kay is mainly involved during the harvesting season months of June, July and August, which coincides perfectly with her teaching schedule.

During the early 1970s, when Sarah Turnbull Snow '74 graduated, assumptions that a woman could not, or should not, perform certain professions still lingered in the business world. Sarah found that the attitude was even more resolute if a woman wanted a family and a career. "We were starting to break down those ideas," she said, "and Wesleyan gave me a foundation and the impetus to work toward breaking the 'old-boy' attitude. Wesleyan provided opportunities to think in a creative, multi-faceted manner – or, outside the box."

Sarah was taught, believed, and proved that women can do anything men can do, without sacrificing the joys of womanhood and motherhood. She and her husband, Claude, provided the seed money for the creation of the Metadata Research Center in the School of Information and Library Science at UNC-Chapel Hill. Subsequently, she formed a company that provides metadata research and development services to major corporations who provide information-based services to their selected markets.

For this successful female business owner, balancing career and family is just a matter of making time for those things that are important. Sarah said all of life isn't about business and that she has a variety of interests that need to be served. "My friends and associates will tell you I am an excellent time manager," she said. "I guess that comes from wanting to do more things than there are hours in the day."

When Jackie Kunkel Ivey-Weaver's children were small, she always had either a business at home or worked part time. Today at age seventy-seven she owns J.K. Ivey-Weaver Art Studio in Macon. "My generation felt strongly that the family came first," she

said. "It amazes me that the young ladies of today are able to balance all they do." Jackie started at Wesleyan in 1949 when she was eighteen years old. Before she graduated in 1987 she had taken time away from school to get married, rear two sons, enjoy grandchildren, own a bookkeeping and income tax business, and work in her church.

Balancing family and career has become an important issue for an increasing number of women. According to Aimee Morris Lashley '96, women can balance work and family responsibilities in today's technology-centered business world. Aimee serves as the regional marketing director for Chick-fil-A and primarily works from home. This communication major claimed she can fold laundry while on conference calls, check e-mail while cooking dinner, and generate reports in the late hours of the evening when everyone else is in bed.

Thanks in large part to the efforts of the last generation, today's Wesleyan graduates pursue business-related professions more than any other field. Business administration and economics consistently are two of the top five majors at Wesleyan. Many students majoring in these fields advance to the most prestigious graduate school programs in the world, like *summa cum laude* graduate "Lois" Huei-Yu Chen '07 who is studying at the London School of Economics, Yuliya Ivanova '07 who is studying finance at Carnegie Mellon, and Anne-Kathrin Witt '07 who double-majored in chemistry and economics and graduated from the Max-Planck Institute of Research in Munich. She now is a financial advisor for medical industries with Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Frankfurt.

Business Major Brandy Hayes '98 is among an increasing number of women who return to Wesleyan for a post-graduate degree. After gaining professional experience working with Applied Engineering Solutions, an architectural engineering design and consulting firm in Macon, Brandy returned to campus and earned an MBA through Wesleyan's Executive MBA program. The unique graduate program offers professionals the opportunity to earn a graduate business degree through weekend coursework.

For generations, Wesleyan graduates have entered the workforce with unique qualifications because they combined major and minor programs in ways that separated them from other business leaders. Linda Golden Moore '70, for example, is president / CEO of Wiregrass Management Group in Thomasville, Georgia, which manages medical practices. Linda said, "My major in biology took a twist into healthcare management where I have been fortunate to combine my two favorite interests: science and business!"

1993 Grad Dawn Weber Snow combined her degree in business administration with a love of monogramming and embroidery and opened a store in Macon called Take It Personally. Communication Major Haley Davis Heath '01 combined her love of hunting with business savvy to launch her own television show about hunting, called *Family Traditions*. Haley has been hunting since the age of six and her passion of bringing families together and getting more women in the outdoors is evident in her shows and speeches. A mother of two, she balances the show with family and full-time employment at Bass Pro Shops in Macon.

Although Dana Grinstead Tanner '86 was a math and computer science major at Wesleyan, her career has been all about business. Dana thinks of herself as a true entrepreneur, having twice started her own business in two very different industries. Keystone Solutions, her business from 1992 to 1999, was a database application software development company providing application development services to federal and local government agencies. Her other business, Party All the Time, is an events entertainment provider of casino-gaming entertainment for fundraisers and special events.

Dana's career has taken her in many different directions, but she's felt prepared because the skills she acquired through a liberal arts education are applicable everywhere. Today she serves as a senior program manager at PeopleTech, Inc, in Huntsville, Alabama, working with the National Education Partnership Alliance through the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command. Their goal is to cultivate an energized, informed, educated, and diverse federal workforce.



# Women control 85% of all consumer purchases.

"Students shouldn't go to college expecting to learn things," said Dana. "They should go expecting to learn how to learn. If you learn how to learn, then you can do anything."

Business Owner Janelle Reynolds Fleming '94 also places high value on the liberal arts focus. "At Wesleyan," she said, "women are allowed to diversify their interests through a liberal arts emphasis. This provides a well-rounded education that creates a 'Renaissance woman' – one who is expected to excel in any given endeavor she chooses." Janelle owns Seahorse Coastal Consulting in Morehead City, North Carolina. Among its many services, the company provides storm surge modeling predictions to the Army Corps of Engineering. Janelle credits Wesleyan with offering many leadership opportunities to students.

"I gained a tremendous amount of business experience by being a part of the STUNT committee and working within the first-year orientation committees," said Janelle. Through these and other campus leadership roles, she learned the value of networking and customer/client satisfaction, and claimed these experiences opened her eyes to business opportunities beyond her initial training in mathematics.

According to Business Major Dina Pon '93, Wesleyan's internship program provides critical preparation for future business success and exposes students to valuable real life issues in a wide variety of business fields. During her junior and senior years of college, Dina completed internships at Bell South and Merrill Lynch. While a student at Wesleyan, she learned about marketing, economics, science, math, religion, ethics, art history... what she called "a well-rounded and relevant education." Since graduation, Dina has worked for GEICO. Celebrating her sixteenth year with the company, she now serves as the southeast assistant vice president of underwriting.

Business Major Michele McDuffie '99 also participated in several internships, which she claimed laid an excellent foundation for her endeavors in the financial world. As graduation approached, she had several job offers in her field. She accepted a position with Edward Jones, then started and ran her own office in Savannah, Georgia. By 2001, she moved to company headquarters and became a transitional broker, managing over 35 offices nationwide, 500 clients, and \$78 million in assets. Now working as a risk management specialist for Waddell and Reed Financial Advisors, Michele recruits, trains, and develops financial advisors. She interviews thousands of candidates trying to get into the financial planning business.

"I would love to see more women going into this field, as there are a lot of female clients who would prefer to work with a female financial advisor," said Michele. "The problem is finding women with enough confidence in themselves to be successful in such a male-dominated sales industry. It takes a very special woman to stand tall in this industry."

Confidence, not to be confused with power, is an important issue for women in business, according to many Wesleyan women. Preparation is the key to becoming a competent, confident leader who is focused not on gaining control, power, and status, but rather on making a difference. Now more than ever, women are perceived as an integral part of the business world. Women are transforming the face of business by not only moving into corporate leadership roles but also owning their own businesses. In 1972, women owned four percent of all American businesses. By 1997, that figure had climbed to 26 percent. In 2008, 40 percent of all American business owners were women and represented the fastest-growing segment of entrepreneurship in the country.

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After graduating from Wesleyan in 1994, Tina Gann spent just three years working in her family's recycling business before leaving to start her own company. Currently, Tina is owner and CEO of Fortune Recycling in Savannah, Georgia, the company she purchased in 1997. During her ownership, the company's sales have increased from \$220,000 to almost \$4 million.

"My industry is such a man's world," said Tina, "but I have never felt intimidated. I know I have one of the best educations anywhere, which helped me develop confidence in myself and in my abilities. It prepared me to run with the big boys and win."

According to the National Association of Realtors, at fifty-nine percent nationwide, women brokers dominate the residential real estate market. The typical realtor is a 51-year-old married white female, who has attended college, owns her home, and has a household income in excess of \$100,000. Realtors like Jean Cain Gaddis '61 set the benchmark high for women in the industry. Every year since 1997, Jean has been one of the top twenty-five RE/MAX realtors in Georgia and in the top one percent of realtors in the United States. In 2000, the board of directors and officers of RE/MAX International, Inc. presented Jean with the Hall of Fame Award, and in 2004 the Lifetime Achievement Award. Her company, Gaddis Partners, has annual sales of \$27 million. Jean claimed that she relies on the valuable preparation she gained at Wesleyan to accept the challenges of each phase of life and to champion herself to the top of her profession.

Women understand business on both large and small purchasing scales. Currently, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, women control 85 percent of all consumer purchases. And, women now own the largest number of retail trade businesses. Betty Nunn Mori '58 is one of those owners. In 1971, Mori Luggage and Gifts opened its first store in Atlanta. Prior to opening the store with her husband Jean, Betty taught

school and held summer jobs in her father's law office. Because she had no business experience, she learned through on-the-job training.

Throughout the years, Betty has served in many capacities at Mori Luggage and Gifts, always with the goal of building a strong retail business and serving the public ethically and honorably. Often, Betty returns to the Wesleyan campus to speak to students about her experiences in the business world and, for nearly twenty years, she has served as a Trustee of the College.

Successful business women see themselves as being in charge of their own destiny and stress that good communication skills play an important role. Lynn Lasseter Prater '87 graduated with a degree in communication and claimed, "I would not trade my liberal arts background for anything. Looking at the total package, what Wesleyan provided me is priceless."

Today Lynn is a vice president of sales & marketing management for McKibbin Hotel Management, and is one of only two female VPs in the company. Though she is not a business owner, she operates and makes decisions as if she were the owner and encourages her corporate team to do the same. The company owns and/or manages sixty hotels throughout the southeast and has a field sales team of seventy-eight. "My message to my team," she said, "is we want to always be sure we are a part of the solution. Don't tell people what they need to do, help them do it."

Cydney Costello Busbee '92 also believes business is all about relationships – with customers, financiers, and employees. Cydney graduated from Wesleyan with a degree in communication and a business certificate. For six years she has served as the director of marketing at The Medical Center of Central Georgia. "Wesleyan really prepared me to use all the parts of my degree," she said. "From the minor to the major areas of study, they have all come full circle and are relevant in my career on a daily basis." Even the theater classes.

## Forbes Places Wesleyan in Top 100

Wesleyan College is in the Top 100 of colleges and universities nationwide, according to new rankings from *Forbes* magazine. It is one of only two institutions from the state of Georgia to appear in the Top 100. *Forbes* collaborated with Dr. Richard Vedder, an economist at Ohio University, and the Center for College Affordability and Productivity (CCAP), to create their own "America's Best Colleges" list.

The CCAP report ranked 569 undergraduate institutions based on the quality of the education they provide and how much their students achieve once they've graduated. Colleges in the report represent the top 15 percent of more than 4,000 institutions nationwide. Of the 52 Women's College Coalition members, 22 are profiled.

The data compiled by CCAP show that students strongly prefer smaller schools to large universities. The median undergraduate enrollment in the top-50-ranked schools is just 2,285, and only one of the top 50 has more than 10,000 undergraduate students.

"Small liberal arts schools shine in our rankings," notes *Forbes*, "probably due to both the quality of their faculty and the personal attention they can provide."

The report focused on five areas, which were weighted by importance:

- Number of alumni in the 2008 *Who's Who* in America (25%)
- Student evaluations of professors from *Ratemyprofessors.com* (25%)
- Four-year graduation rates (17%)
- Enrollment-adjusted numbers of students and faculty receiving nationally competitive awards (17%)
- Average four-year accumulated student debt of those borrowing money (16%)

According to the magazine, "CCAP's methodology attempts to put itself in a student's shoes. How good will my professors be? Will the school help me achieve notable career success? If I have to borrow to pay for college, how deeply will I go into debt? What are the chances I will graduate in four years? Are students and faculty recognized nationally, or even globally?"



# PINSTripES

Unique MBA program keeps up with the fast pace of today's business world

In its first five years, Wesleyan's Executive Master of Business Administration Program attracted professionals from nearly one hundred of the state's leading companies. Executives in the fields of sales, finance, aerospace, accounting, marketing, construction, human resources, medicine, and engineering credit Wesleyan's newest graduate program for their successes.

Through Wesleyan's Executive MBA Program, students benefit from the individual attention of a dedicated faculty in Macon and gain global business perspective through visits to companies across the world. The program is tailored

specifically for mid- and senior-level executives in established careers. Classes are scheduled on alternate weekends over a period of nineteen months so that professionals can pursue advanced business education without interrupting their careers.

Students also spend ten to fourteen days abroad studying under an intense and expertly planned itinerary. Past international component trip itineraries have included visits to major business firms in China, Russia, Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary, and Italy. According to students, the Executive MBA curriculum is

challenging but also immediately relevant to today's global business concerns.

"We focus our attention on two small cohorts each year and set admission requirements high," said Vice President for Enrollment Steve Farr. "A distinctive collaborative learning approach builds on the talent of every member in the course, creating a dynamic network that lasts well beyond the program. The experience transforms already accomplished professionals into confident, successful leaders."





## MEET:

Sandra Gardner, MBA '02

Clinical Director, The Methodist Home for Children & Youth

Sandra Hunt Gardner earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish from Wesleyan College and a master's of marriage and family therapy from Mercer University before enrolling in the Wesleyan Executive MBA Program. Although quite successful as a licensed marriage and family therapist, Sandra wanted to strengthen her business acumen.

"I chose the Executive MBA Program at Wesleyan because of the great experience I had as an undergraduate student at Wesleyan. I already knew about the quality of the education offered and the personal attention. The logistics of the Executive MBA Program were ideal. The weekend classes allow full-time working professionals the opportunity to accomplish the program without major lifestyle changes or sacrifices. The EMBA Program gave me a strong foundation in business. I feel more marketable and prepared to pursue other careers."

"But for me," said Sandra, "the international study abroad was the most amazing experience both educationally and personally. It was the culminating event that made earning the MBA rewarding and fulfilling."

Sandra has worked with The Methodist Home for Children & Youth since 1992. As the Clinical Director, Sandra provides direct services as a therapist and performs clinical administration. "We provide outpatient mental health services to children, adults, and families plus all related supplementary services," she said. "We have to be innovative and ensure we stay on the cutting edge of services offered because of the changing and volatile climate of the social services field."

"What I gained through the EMBA Program has been quite valuable. The curriculum offers stimulating challenges particularly with independent thinking, group work, public speaking, and study of academic areas I had previously not had extensive exposure to. I developed a mature and rewarding rapport with professors. Through the relationships with my fellow students, I gained a network of diverse and skilled professionals from many different fields and areas of expertise."

## MEET:

Keith Moffett, MBA '04

Director of Internal Affairs

City of Macon, Georgia

According to statewide decision maker Wesleyan Executive MBA Program graduate Keith Moffett is on the fast track to success. Featured in 2006 as one of *Georgia Trend Magazine's* "Top 40 under 40" and in 2007 as one of *Georgia Informer's* Top 40, he is widely considered to be one of the state's most valuable community leaders.

As Director of Internal Affairs for the City of Macon, Keith's primary responsibility is to assist the Mayor and chief administrative officer with the legislative agenda and special projects. In addition, he serves as the Mayor's liaison with Macon City Council and state and federal legislative liaison affecting local government, attends all work sessions with city council, and monitors council resolutions and ordinances from introduction through execution by the Mayor.

Wesleyan prepared him for the daily pressures at City Hall. But his leadership has extended well beyond the Mayor's office through active board service with Middle Georgia United Way, Medical Center of Central Georgia Hospice Foundation, Crisis Line of Macon and Middle Georgia, Central Georgia Tech Prep Consortium, and the City of Macon's Office of Work Force Development.

According to Keith, "The Wesleyan EMBA experience was intellectually challenging and immediately relevant. Plus, students benefit from plenty of individual attention. Professors truly invest personally and commit to help each professional throughout his or her career."

While an EMBA student, he served as Regional Projects Manager with the Georgia Department of Economic Development. In that role, he provided informational resources and other assistance to small businesses in twenty Georgia counties. He also helped Georgia communities implement programs to ensure small businesses and entrepreneurs thrive. He is a 2003 graduate of Leadership Macon and 2006 graduate of Leadership Georgia. In 2006, Keith returned to the Wesleyan campus to deliver an inspiring commencement address for another Executive MBA graduating class.











# MEET:

Trennis Dumas, MBA '07  
Director of Public Relations

Aaron Barth, MBA '09  
Neurosciences & Emergency Services Operations Manager

Kay Traxler Lucia, MBA '03  
Risk Management

According to three busy professionals at the largest medical facility in Macon, Georgia, the Wesleyan Executive MBA Program develops leaders who thrive in a wide range of professions. All claim they chose Wesleyan's EMBA Program because of its exemplary academic reputation and the convenience of a weekend-based program, but gained unexpected benefits from a strong collaborative learning environment.

Responsible for the supervision and continuing development of her department, Kay Lucia has a full plate. The Risk Management department is charged with the responsibility of preserving assets for The Medical Center of Central Georgia and Central Georgia Health System. "We work closely with both in-house and consulting attorneys and are involved in a variety of legal issues including informed consent, confidentiality, professional and general liability, and worker's compensation," claimed Kay. A newly developed proactive risk program for patients, visitors, and employees identifies potential loss exposures that could be financially threatening to the organization. "I gained so much from the collective professional experience of my fellow EMBA Cohort members. We were constantly sharing our diverse perspectives on multiple topics. The business concepts were immediately relevant and now I feel that I'm leading and managing with much greater effectiveness."

Aaron Barth concurs. He's found that the leadership skills developed through earning the MBA have prepared him for larger roles within the hospital, the community, and his church. Because he juggles many responsibilities, Aaron placed a high value on the weekend classes and accelerated course schedule. "It was intense but only for nineteen months," he said. "The Wesleyan EMBA Program equipped me with tools to better manage business behind the scenes, so that our hospital's clinicians can go about the business of providing excellent care for patients."

According to colleague Trennis Dumas, the collaborative cohort approach of Wesleyan's program helped her complete the rigorous coursework. As the Medical Center's Director of Public Relations, Trennis manages patient satisfaction monitoring, media relations, interpreting services, a super busy information desk, volunteer services, plus a full array of grand opening celebrations, ribbon cutting ceremonies, and ground breakings. "Aside from gaining the management and leadership skills I needed to be more productive in my current position, I achieved a major personal goal. Earning an advanced degree was something I wanted for myself although I wasn't sure I could balance the demands of work and graduate coursework. Wesleyan's cohort approach creates a close knit community of support among students in the program. Being part of a supportive environment kept me motivated and made all the difference."





## MEET:

Karen Kee, MBA '06  
Regional Training & Customer Service Manager, GEICO Insurance Company

Karen Hubbard Kee is celebrating twenty years of service with Government Employees Insurance Company (GEICO), the third largest private passenger automobile insurer in the United States. During her tenure she mastered several positions within the underwriting department and now serves as the Regional Training & Customer Service Manager. In this role, she is managing a training supervisor, five service trainers, and transition support staff. She handles the initial training and mentoring of new associates transitioning to service agents. Additionally, Karen shares the responsibility of managing a staff of 570 service representatives who will handle over 5.5 million incoming calls this year.

As Karen rose through the management ranks at GEICO, she became interested in earning an MBA. "I chose to attend Wesleyan's EMBA Program to improve

my analytical skills and to broaden my knowledge in the business industry, which will make me more marketable for career opportunities within and outside of GEICO. As my management responsibilities increased, I realized I needed to enhance my business qualifications with an MBA. The convenience of Wesleyan's Executive MBA weekend class schedule was a plus and it allowed me to balance both my professional and family responsibilities."

Karen's employer sponsored a portion of her tuition because executives at GEICO have great appreciation for those who invest in an advanced degree as a catalyst to realizing their own potential. Companies like GEICO recognize that by sponsoring and supporting top performers they gain versatile, loyal, committed leaders who are equipped to contribute to the organization's overall performance.

## MEET:

Adrian Harmon, MBA '09  
President, Harmon Industrial and Commercial Construction and A. Harmon Management, LLC – Residential Property Leasing

As a second-generation commercial and government construction contractor, Adrian Harmon manages large projects simultaneously across the state. Currently, he's managing government projects at Fort Benning Army Base, Fort Stewart Army Base, Moody Air Force Base, and Robins Air Force Base. On the commercial side, he has large projects under construction in Atlanta, Macon, Warner Robins, and Albany. With projects ranging from \$50,000 to \$5 million, Adrian has a great deal at stake.

"As a small business owner managing projects across the state, I never thought I'd be able to go back to school for an advanced business degree. Logistically, I didn't think I could make it work, plus I feared that adding interclass coursework to my regular workload would hurt my business. Wesleyan's Executive MBA Program is designed to minimize disruptions to your career. Because I had so many opportunities to immediately apply the concepts I learned in class, I actually felt more effective at work while I was a full-time graduate student."

Adrian claims the EMBA experience significantly contributed to both his professional and personal development. "The opportunity to share perceptions, insights, and challenges with professionals from many different industries was really valuable for me. Just being able to discuss a real-world challenge with members of my cohort – successful men and women with diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and goals – helped me improve my family business. The network of support continues long after graduation. After long class sessions, rather than exhausted, I felt invigorated with a renewed entrepreneurial spirit. I felt not only excited to implement new ideas but also prepared to support them through and ensure success."





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*"I discovered what I wanted to do with my life while on that trip."*

# Summer Leadership Institute Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Kimberly Elliott '06 was a rising senior biology major in 2005 when she participated in Summer Leadership Institute, a summer leadership travel program sponsored by Wesleyan College. She returned from the weeklong trip and changed her major to social sciences. Immediately following the experience, her academic interests expanded and she started researching graduate programs that matched her new passion.

Now a third year Ph.D. candidate at the University of Florida in the Department of Health Services Research, Management and Policy, Kimberly is studying programs like Medicaid and Medicare and working to improve the nation's health care system. Kimberly credits the 2005 summer leadership program with shaping her future. "It was a fun summer experience," she said, "but most importantly, I discovered what I wanted to do with my life while on that trip."

To date, more than a hundred students have been influenced by the vision of four extraordinary alumnae who developed the travel experience and leadership program known as the Summer Leadership Institute (SLI). Through Wesleyan's unique program, a group of ten to fifteen students plus their faculty and Trustee sponsors travel to a major U.S. city and participate in an expertly planned itinerary designed to prepare students for leadership roles in a world that has become increasingly urbanized and ethnically diverse.

The rapid expansion of cities introduces new challenges for all leaders, but perhaps especially women leaders. The SLI trips give students a chance to learn about real leadership challenges from cultural, historical, environmental, and business perspectives. In 2006, for example, a trip to San Francisco opened students'

minds to questions of urban planning, environmental concerns resulting from mass consumption, and challenges associated with forming cohesive communities from diverse populations.

The first SLI took place in Denver and Breckenridge, Colorado, where attendees also studied urban strategic planning, particularly the successful revitalization of downtown Denver. The second SLI, held in 2001 in Seattle, focused on genetics and emerging technology with visits to Boeing and Microsoft. Other institute travel sites have included Boston '02, Sante Fe '03, Washington DC '04, and Minneapolis/St. Paul '05. This summer, the SLI group will travel to Chicago.

2009 marks the 10th anniversary of the program that began in 2000 when a small group of alumnae developed an idea presented by then Academic Dean Priscilla Danheiser. Wesleyan's Lorinda Lou Beller '64, Alexis X. Bighley '67, Diane A. Lumpkin '63, and Lynda Brinks Pheiffer '63 researched and studied Dr. Danheiser's original idea and outlined three ambitious goals. They wanted a program that would provide an enriching travel experience for rising seniors who demonstrated evidence of leadership, connect students with alumnae in various parts of the United States, and inspire students to give back to their *alma mater*.

Once formed, Wesleyan's Summer Leadership Institute quickly garnered the support of additional alumnae who realized the program's potential including Betty Turner Corn '47, Judy Woodward Gregory '63, and Julia Munroe Woodward '34. Since 2000, these devoted alumnae have provided critical financial and logistical support needed to sustain and grow the program.

"We want the Institute to be a growth experience that enhances and expands the participating students' leadership abilities and their lives," said SLI co-founder Diane Lumpkin. "It's a unique opportunity for Wesleyan women to travel to an exciting city and interact with real world movers and shakers – many of whom are successful Wesleyan alumnae."

Each year, the SLI curriculum includes pre-trip required reading to prepare the students for an intense itinerary of tours, speakers, and activities. In 2007, an SLI group of twelve students plus their faculty and trustee sponsors traveled to Washington and Oregon. The itinerary gave students a chance to analyze the concept of environmental sustainability in native versus urban populations of the Pacific Northwest region.

"The 2007 Institute was designed to be an interdisciplinary examination of the influence of different cultures — European, Asian, and Native Peoples — in the region and of the conflict between maintaining natural resources and the encroaching reality of urbanization," said Wesleyan Associate Professor of Biology Holly Boettger-Tong, one of three faculty sponsors for the trip.

The students visited one of the few remaining temperate rainforests and met with representatives from the Quinault Nation to learn more about their mechanisms for sustaining "Mother Earth" while maintaining a population in excess of six thousand members. Then they traveled to Portland, a city developed in what once was a temperate rainforest. There they were able to explore solutions for sustainability that are being implemented in an urban community of more than six hundred thousand people.

*Pictured (left to right) are Wesleyan College Trustees Alexis X. Bighley '67, Judy Woodward Gregory '63, Lynda Brinks Pheiffer '63, and Diane A. Lumpkin '63.*





Ten to fifteen rising senior students are selected each year through a rigorous application and interview process that begins each December. Selection criteria for SLI includes not only a strong academic record but also leadership potential demonstrated through active participation in community service, student organizations, or athletics. Students' expenses including air travel, lodging, food and activities are paid by the Leadership Institute.

For the alumnae involved in the program, it's a significant investment of time and money. But all claim that it's well worth it. For the selected students, it's an honor and a life changing experience.

"Planning for the world of tomorrow and assuming positions of leadership and influence requires knowledge and perspective," said co-founding program trustee sponsor Alexis Bighley. "The Institute strives to equip participants with the tools necessary to assume leadership positions in both the workplace and the community."

According to Lindsey Rich '01, who participated in the inaugural SLI, the program achieves its goals. She credits the program for guiding her toward the study of public policy at Georgia Tech, where she graduated with a master's degree in 2003, and for influencing her career choice.

"Alexis, Lynda, and Diane wholeheartedly believed in me," said Lindsey, "and that gave me the confidence to strive harder, reach beyond my own expectations, and search out my own unique interests. They encouraged me to open my mind to new topics, see issues from another perspective and always keep service to community as a priority."

"I am truly indebted to those alumnae and to Wesleyan," said Lindsey. "I hope to one day be a part of carrying on the Wesleyan Leadership Institute tradition." Now a third-year pharmacy student, Lindsey will earn a doctorate in 2010. She is heavily involved in professional associations at the local and state level, where she continually uses her policy background along with her clinical knowledge.

"Interestingly," she said. "city planning has remained a passion of mine. In my opinion, the cross-section of urban affairs and healthcare policy is public health. My intention is to practice pharmacy and public health. I am hoping to work as a pharmacist for the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. I am specifically interested in preventing chronic health conditions among underserved populations, as well as creating effective policies for treatment of diseases that disproportionately affect global populations."

In 2004, Lindsey participated in the program again, as a speaker and as host for the group in her Washington, DC, office. Christine Saunders '05 was one of the Wesleyan students who participated in the SLI trip that year and has completed a J.D. at University of Georgia School of Law.

"For me, the 2004 Leadership Institute was an amazing experience," she said. "It was my first visit to the nation's Capitol and it afforded me the opportunity to meet and talk with 'movers and shakers' in many different areas. The essence of the trip was 'women in leadership' and [the experience] reinforced my desire to become a lawyer and to one day impact change in the lives of others."

Each Summer Leadership Institute offers unique opportunities for students to meet, interact with, and gain insight from experienced leaders. Research has shown that observing and learning from successful people helps others determine which behaviors to emulate and which to avoid. In the 1970s, when women began entering the workforce in large numbers, they imitated the only role models they had – men. Today women are transforming the face of business and their communities by moving into leadership roles and becoming mentors for the next generation.



Amanda Smith Burnett '02 claims she entered the workforce with a greater sense of awareness as a result of the 2001 SLI experience. The opportunity to engage with established women professionals helped her transition from campus to a full-time career. Currently, she serves as the marketing director at the *Athens Banner-Herald* newspaper in Athens, Georgia.

"We had many honest discussions with the trustees and speakers involved in the Leadership Institute about career related topics, which enabled us to ask questions and debate issues," she said. Topics included areas that would be difficult for new or young employees to address with a supervisor or manager, "like true hard facts about interviews, expectations, and the balance between personal life and career goals."

"The SLI experience took away the culture shock of entering the real world because it encouraged me to embrace the professional environment and learn to make it work for me as an individual. Now, every time I work with an intern or first time career employee, I can see how SLI helped me," said Amanda.

During the 2004 SLI in Washington, DC, participant Irina Tanurcova '05 felt anxious about the future and needed an important question answered: can a woman have both a family and a stellar career? She challenged Wesleyan alumnae who met with her SLI group to answer from their personal experiences. She received variations of the same reassuring theme – yes, you can.

Just five years since participating in SLI, Irina now is realizing the answer to her own question. Happily married and well on her way to professional success, she is a second year student at Harvard Law School. After graduation in 2010, she plans to practice law in Phoenix, Arizona, focusing on financial law and international business law.

Many SLI participants report that the listing of Wesleyan College Leadership Institute Fellow on their resumé gave them the edge, or even made the difference, when vying for competitive entry-level career positions. Megan Quinn '05 claimed, "I've found that employers and graduate schools are interested in the Leadership Institute and many insist on learning more about what the experience entailed. I tell them that it is an experience that college seniors can have at Wesleyan, and nowhere else."

Megan's 2004 SLI experience played a significant role in helping her choose a career path and also influenced her decision to pursue an advanced degree.

"The SLI program opened doors for me to learn additional leadership skills and continue to develop my current skills," she said. "Following undergraduate studies at Wesleyan, I gained employment and was quickly appointed to a leadership role." Now, she is attending graduate school at The University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

Catherine O'Kelley Fore '02 has been asked about her SLI 2001 at every job interview she's had. "It certainly stands out and lets the employer know that I went above and beyond during my college years. It suggests I'd do the same as an employee," she said.

"The program was significant in helping me choose a career path, also. As a part of the Leadership Institute, we had to choose an internship that related to our Institute theme. I might not have normally chosen a political internship, but because of the Institute, I decided to intern for Congressman Saxby Chambliss. I ended up interning for him for an entire year, enjoying every minute of the experience."

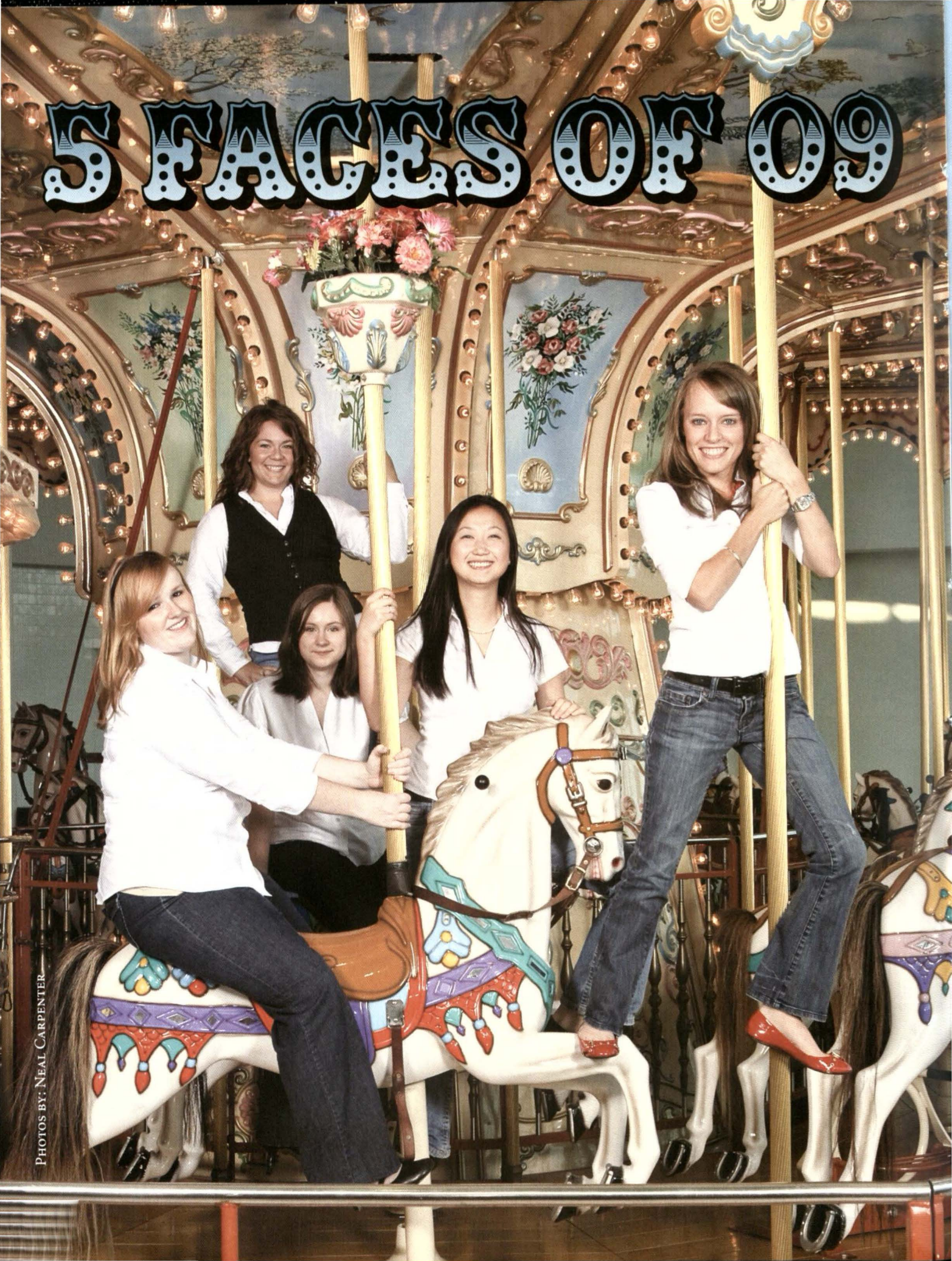
"After graduation," Catherine continued, "I kept in touch with his office and after he won his U.S. Senate seat in 2002, I was asked to join his staff as a constituent services representative. The Institute put me in the right place to make a difference and lofted me into a job that I not only loved, but allowed me to make a real difference in the lives of citizens of the state of Georgia." Today Catherine is a publisher for True North Custom Publishing Company in Chattanooga, Tennessee, the largest custom publishing company for healthcare magazines in the country.

After ten years, the current Trustee sponsors reflect on the success of the Institute and hope to inspire new leadership for a program that has made a profound impact for dozens of students. "We hope to watch the Institute grow, of course," said Alexis Bighley. "One day we, the original founders, will step aside and take pride in watching a new team continue what is now a tradition of opportunity. We feel like the possibilities have only just begun."





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Of the 2009 graduates who earned the Bachelor of Arts degree at Wesleyan, 13% earned double majors and 28% graduated with honors. Top majors for 2009 were: psychology, education, business administration, biology, and studio art. More than 60% of the graduates had secured professional positions in their fields of study and/or had accepted positions in graduate programs prior to commencement.

All who applied to graduate school programs were accepted, according to voluntary surveys completed by most graduating seniors. An estimated 25% of the graduating class will immediately begin master's or doctoral programs that represent a broad range of study including accounting, public policy, international relations, clinical psychology, art history, English, divinity, education, music, neuroscience, molecular genetics, and medicine. They're heading off to some of the most prestigious graduate schools in the world like Johns Hopkins University, Dartmouth, Stanford, George Washington University, Syracuse, International University of Japan, Emory, and the University of Georgia.

Many Wesleyan graduates enter the workforce with unique qualifications and have combined major and minor programs in ways that separate them from other job-seeking candidates. Some double major combinations of 2009 graduates include: studio art with Spanish, religious studies with political science, philosophy with psychology, and communication with theatre.

Through its undergraduate and graduate education programs, Wesleyan produced 25 exemplary teachers specializing in early childhood education and middle grades science and mathematics. Overall, more 2009 Wesleyan graduates will pursue business-related professions than any other field. They are well prepared with degrees and majors in accounting, business administration, economics, international business, and advertising & marketing communication.

Despite the major field of interest, Wesleyan's rigorous academic program combined with a foundation of faith and service produces graduates unified through engaged leadership and a commitment to pursue more purposeful lives. Meet the Five Faces of 2009...



## Cristiana Baloescu

Majors: biology and chemistry

In years to come, when Romanian-born Cristiana Baloescu looks back on her time at Wesleyan, the random moments of crazy laughter shared with friends are what she expects will come to mind first. Cristiana has formed life-long friendships with a diverse group of women she describes as strong, determined, and hard-working characters whom she admires immensely. From her small high school in Bucharest she chose to apply to Wesleyan partially because the international community was something that interested her.

"One of the reasons for my leaving Romania was to experience another part of the world, and here there are a lot of small parts of the world in one spot," she said. A recipient of the International Student's Scholarship, Cristiana is an honors graduate who majored in biology and chemistry, minored in neuroscience, and earned spots on both President's and Dean's Lists every semester.

A human rights activist and dedicated member of Amnesty International, Cristiana served two years as president of Wesleyan's club. Through hard work, publicity, and speaking to interested students, she managed to build a powerful organization, which sent representatives to the national meetings in Miami. She also is a member of Americans for Informed Democracy, a photographer for *The Vetteropt*, a Junior Marshal, and a four-year member of AXIS, an international student organization for which she served as president during her

junior year. Cristiana received the Sarah Branham Mathews Scholarship her junior and senior years and a research stipend from the Munroe Research Endowment Fund. She was a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Beta-Beta-Beta, plus participated in STUNT three of her four years.

Her proudest accomplishment to date, however, is acceptance to Dartmouth Medical School for the fall. An internship at the Medical Center of Central Georgia Emergency Center in Macon sparked Cristiana's interest in the specialized field of emergency medicine. "The fast pace and swift decision making, as well as being able to immediately see the results of your work in the recovery of the patient, is what attracts me to emergency medicine," she said. After completing her medical studies, Cristiana hopes to earn a master's degree in public health and enter the field of disaster medicine, which she feels will be a perfect way to combine her interest in emergency medicine, public health, and international medicine.

Cristiana speaks Romanian, English, French, Spanish, and some German, and is someone who sees the glass as half full. She loves efficiency and excellence, applying her knowledge, and seeing the results of her work. She also enjoys playing tennis, reading fiction, *The Marx Brothers*, and shopping online. "I love the fast pace of life," she said, "and the brief moments of pause when one reflects on how precious this existence is."





## Ying (Joy) Tang

Majors: psychology and  
(self-designed) sociological studies

Ying (Joy) Tang's childhood dream was to fly far away from her home in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China, and travel the world. She made her first step toward fulfilling that dream when she arrived on the Wesleyan campus, and since then has used breaks during the academic year to travel around the United States. So far, she's visited fifteen states and traveled three continents. Although she feels fortunate to have already traveled more in her young life than some people do in an entire lifetime, Joy's adult dream is to visit all seven continents before her twenty-fifth birthday.

Joy graduated *summa cum laude* with a 3.99 GPA and a double major in psychology and (self-designed) sociological studies with minors in French and women's studies. When she started researching colleges in high school, she came across information about Wesleyan and remembered reading about the College's long history educating Chinese women. "My family is a big fan of the Soong sisters," she said, "so I decided to apply almost without hesitation." Joy received a full International Student's Scholarship and claimed everything has worked out perfectly.

Extensively involved in activities both on campus and off, Joy balanced her role as a student with many other obligations and engagements. She served as the president of the prestigious honor society Mortar Board, a resident advisor, academic tutor, Junior Marshal, and a member of the Council on Religious Concerns, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, and Model U.N. She danced her way through STUNT '09 and sang as a Wesleyanne. Her academic honors include designation as a President's Scholar and Dean's List Scholar as well as membership in Phi Kappa Phi, Psi Chi, Pi Gamma Mu, and Phi Sigma Iota. Within the community, Joy participated in WOW! A Day for Macon and Marvelous Make-Over for the battered women's shelter, plus volunteered at Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table and Save-A-Life.

Summer plans for Joy include traveling the east coast of the United States with her parents, then a seven-week stint in Miami serving inner city kids and the homeless with an organization called Touching Miami With Love. In the fall she will begin pursuing a Ph.D. in social psychology at Syracuse University. As for the long term, Joy is leaving all doors open. Whatever she decides, it will be something rewarding and meaningful with the flexibility to meet new people and travel to new places. "Wesleyan has taught me that life is not all about me, but about service to others," she said. "I am only a vessel that has been so richly blessed to bless a multitude of others."



# Madaline Allsup

Major: international relations

Fall of 2005, Maddie Allsup came to the Wesleyan campus from Pittsboro, North Carolina. Playing collegiate softball was extremely important to this petite graduate of the all-girls high school Salem Academy. The recipient of a Mary Knox McNeill faith and service scholarship, she was excited about the opportunity to join Wesleyan's softball team, fully aware of her purpose in life, and eager to get started.

Maddie gained plenty of leadership experience on the field and off as team co-captain, a resident advisor, class vice president, and a sports writer for the student newspaper. Last Thanksgiving, as co-president of Wesleyan's Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), she organized a major canned food drive to benefit families in the local community. Add academics, fun, and campus ministry and it's a full line-up. Off campus, her determination is unmatched and she said helping others is just about all that matters.

"My career goal," said Maddie, who majored in international relations with a minor in Spanish, "is to do some form of non-profit work in the area of human rights. I feel a strong responsibility to my fellow man and firmly believe that we all have a duty to help one another. I want to make a lasting impact on other people's lives. This isn't only my duty as a human being, but also as a child of God. It is my purpose in life."

While at Wesleyan, Maddie received the Tante Scholarship and the Alumnae Scholarship for Leadership. She was given the Pioneer Spirit Award by the softball team her first year and the departmental award for Pioneer Spirit by the Athletic Department. She also served as a Junior Marshal and participated in the 2008 Summer Leadership Institute.

Maddie loves to bake, travel, spend time with family and friends, and just sit and have a good conversation. She is looking forward to having the time to read books for pleasure again. "I really enjoy having new experiences and meeting new people," she said. "I love learning, in all sorts of venues. More than anything I just love surrounding myself with amazing and loving people."

Over the next year, Maddie will be engaged in civil service work in the Washington, DC, area. Eventually she plans to go to seminary and graduate school to earn a master's degree in international studies. Until then, Maddie is embracing the journey that lies ahead. "I am excited about not really knowing what is going to happen," she said. "What I do know is that God has a purpose for my life and that He will point me in the right direction."







## Megan Poole

Major: English

Spend ten minutes speaking with intelligent, articulate Megan Poole and you will not be surprised at the accomplishments that appear on her resumé. Impressive facts start with being a *summa cum laude* graduate with a major in English and minors in communication and women's studies. Megan is not only a Findlay Fellowship recipient but also earned the G.W. Gignilliat Scholarship, the W.F. Quillian STUNT Scholarship, the Stephen H. Cook Humanities Award, and the Departmental Award in English. Equally as impressive, she served as vice president of Wesleyan's Mortar Board chapter, a WAVE member for three years, and a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Lambda Pi Eta. One of her proudest accomplishments is the enormous undertaking of STUNT 2009 Executive Chair. "When you see all the smiles and hear people laughing," she said, "it makes all the stress and sleepless nights worth it."

You might be surprised, however, to learn that this redhead from Cedar Crossing, Georgia, loves vampires and has a particular affinity for monsters. In fact, Megan developed her own independent study course, "The Representation of Vampires in Literature and Film," and presented research on the transgression of vampirism in Stephanie Meyer's *Twilight* at an academic conference in New Orleans. Furthermore, she presented her Findlay Fellowship research on vampirism at the 2009 Student Scholarship Day, participated in the 23rd Annual Conference on Medievalism hosted at Wesleyan, and wrote her senior seminar thesis on *Dracula*.

As a self-proclaimed feminist, Megan particularly enjoyed being part of the 2008 Summer Leadership Institute in New York. She claimed SLI is an excellent opportunity for women to garner more confidence in speaking about things that matter to them. She is all about promoting the physical, intellectual, and spiritual welfare of women around the globe. Megan has definitely found her voice, crediting Wesleyan for teaching her how to write and speak with confidence and poise. Megan believes the most important aspect of the college experience is taking what you learn in class and applying it to everyday life.

Megan will spend her summer teaching English in China. In the fall she will begin working toward a master's degree in English, as well as teaching writing composition, at Syracuse University. As for the future, Megan plans to earn a Ph.D. in English and then teach, preferably at a women's college. "Since coming to Wesleyan, I have realized that I love the college atmosphere," she said. "I simply love to learn, and to share that joy with others is my greatest ambition."



# Lucy Ina Guy

Major: international business

Lucy Guy is a great cook. She loves pick up trucks, chocolate, and high-heeled shoes. When she's bored, Lucy cleans. But it is her love of working in teams and helping people discover their strengths that led Wesleyan's student body to elect Lucy Guy 2009 Wesleyan's student body to elect Lucy Guy 2009 Woman of the Year. The award is based on three principal traits: leadership, loyalty to the College, and friendship to others. Lucy said she's always good for a laugh, knows how to balance hard work and lots of fun, and considers herself a good friend. "I think everyone at Wesleyan has something unique to offer," she said, "and I enjoy searching for that in each of my sisters."

Lucy maintained a 4.0 GPA while majoring in international business and minoring in Spanish, finance, and economics. She was a participant of the 2008 Summer Leadership Institute, a leader in the Student Government Association, a WAVE member for the admissions office, and a member of three academic honor societies (Phi Kappa Pi, Phi Sigma Iota, and Pi Gamma Mu). Lucy was named 2009 Wesleyan Woman of Success, an honor that recognizes her leadership through co-curricular activities, church, and community service projects like volunteering with Crisis Line & Safe House, WOW! A Day for Macon, and Hispanic Family Health Day.

During her four years on campus, Lucy has received multiple academic scholarships and feels she has developed a much broader world-view since coming to Wesleyan from Harrison, Georgia. "Wesleyan is a world within itself but it prepares you for the real world by providing challenging academics and opportunities for personal, academic, and professional growth," she said.

After graduation, Lucy will begin working with GEICO as a member of their Emerging Leaders management program. She'd like to make a career out of corporate management and eventually work for the FBI as a consultant on corporate crime. Ultimately, however, Lucy dreams of establishing and operating an equine assisted learning facility in the middle Georgia area. She reads anything and everything about the uses of horses to help people better their lives – especially new riding and therapy techniques. Lucy Guy loves spending time with her family, goddaughter, and boyfriend. She likes to shop for professional, yet stylish, clothes and amazing shoes. Her free time, though, is usually consumed with working with her horse, Joe. "He's pretty amazing," she said.

Special thanks to Macon Mall for granting our Five Faces an evening on their extraordinary carousel.



# How dare you? *Very well, thank you.*

Wesleyan's graduating seniors anxiously awaited the call to action and inspiration of award-winning journalist MaryTherese Grabowski-Tebbe '92, who returned to deliver this year's commencement address. Balancing substance with style, MaryTherese dared the graduates to make a difference in the world. In fact, she said, "I triple dog dare ya!"

MaryTherese described her own achievements as a series of dares or accepted challenges. "Nothing is impossible or out of reach. I am but a small example of that," she claimed. The self-proclaimed Pirate admitted that while a Wesleyan student, she changed majors several times, struggled academically, lost financial aid, and worked three part-time jobs simultaneously (as a disc jockey, waitress, and receptionist) to finish her degree. MaryTherese credited Wesleyan for teaching her to use her voice and think outside the box.

Among her words of wisdom, she assigned a life-long homework assignment. "Ask yourself, what will your life story be?," she instructed the Pirate class. "The life you choose to live is like a book and you are the author. You'll have good chapters and you'll have crummy chapters but it's all in how you write it. If you didn't like the last chapter, make your next one better."

As a risk-taking journalist, MaryTherese claimed that often she has been asked, "How dare you?" And, often she has responded, "Very well, thank you." She urged the graduates to not only welcome challenge but also honor Wesleyan with many achievements. The entertainer and advocate referenced several women from whom she finds inspiration including Helen Keller, Best-selling Author J.K. Rowling, and Major General Polly Peyer, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center at Robins Air Force Base.

MaryTherese is the executive director of the 21st Century Partnership, a non-profit

organization committed to enhancing the military value of Robins Air Force Base and the middle Georgia community. She is responsible for executing the Partnership's plan of work and serving as the community liaison with Robins Air Force Base, the State of Georgia, congressional delegations, and community entities for all community matters that impact the Base. From aerospace economic development, work force development, new missions, and quality of life issues, MaryTherese has a key role in ensuring the growth of Robins Air Force Base, the state's largest industrial complex. The Wesleyan alumna joined the Partnership in March of 2006 and is the first executive director to lead the organization.

On the side, she is the president of her own business, MT Communications and Consulting, and provides professional image consultation, creative marketing, media relations, and media training. An active community leader, MaryTherese hosted the annual Children's Miracle Network Broadcast from 1994 to 2005 and is a past board member of the Children's Hospital at the Medical Center of Central Georgia. In these capacities, she helped the organization raise more than \$5 million. Currently, she volunteers with Houston County Habitat and The Make a Wish Foundation and serves on the board of the United Way.

MaryTherese graduated from Warner Robins High School and later earned a bachelor's degree, majoring in communication, from Wesleyan College in 1992. Her career in communications began immediately after commencement. Starting out, she worked as a disc jockey on the local FM WAYS radio while working part time in television. From 1998 to 2006, MaryTherese delivered top news stories "straight from the heart" as the co-anchor of Eyewitness News for local CBS affiliate WMAZ TV Ch13. In addition to managing a staff of reporters, producers and video journalists, MaryTherese researched and

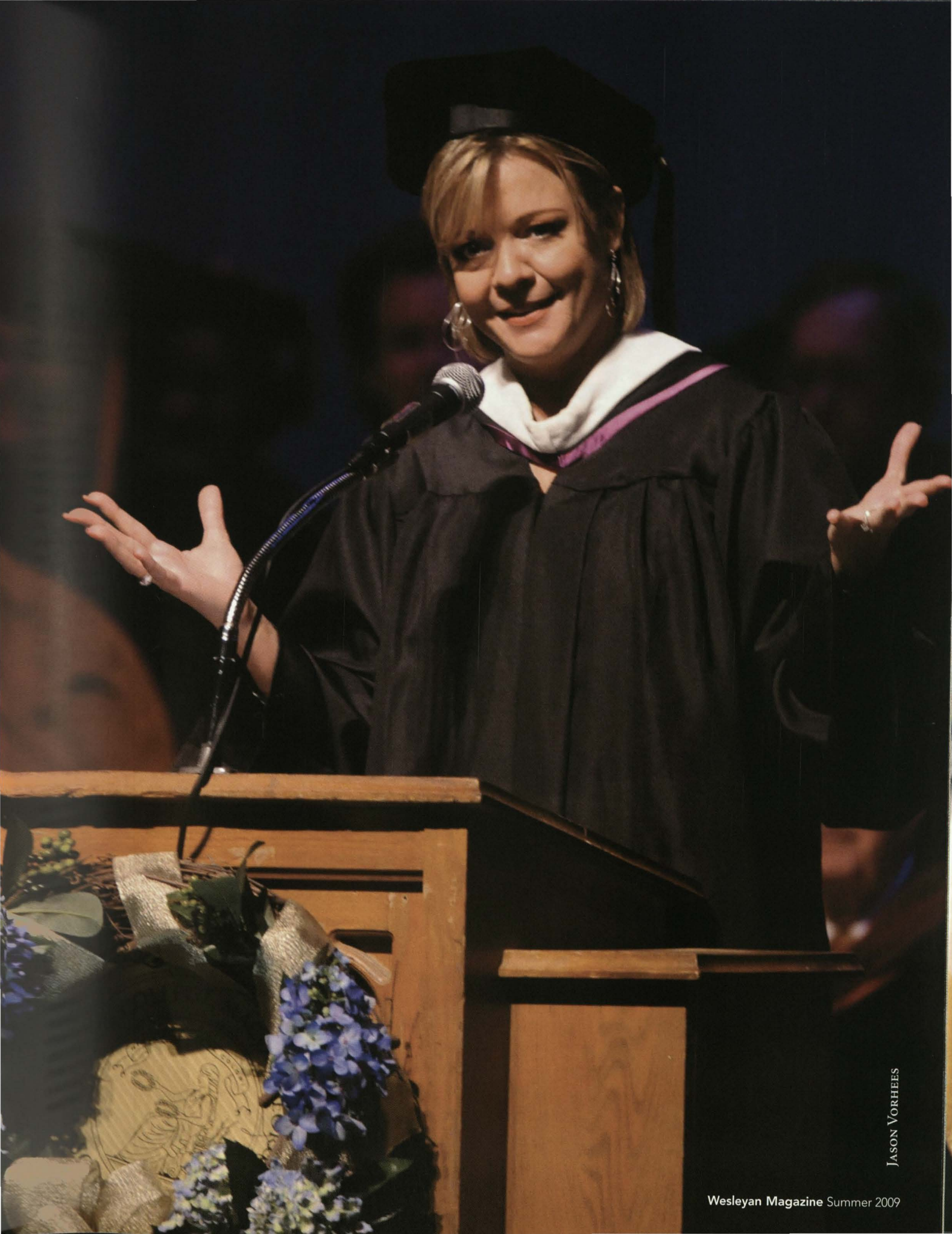
produced award-winning investigative stories that have been recognized for excellence by the Associated Press, The Georgia Association of Broadcasters, and the Gannett Corporation.

As a successful television journalist, MaryTherese covered everything from crime and politics to NASCAR and children. In fact, she was Gannett's first female NASCAR reporter. She covered the military extensively from 1999 until her retirement from broadcasting in 2006. Still today, she serves as the volunteer host for the annual Operation Seasons Greetings tour with the Band of the Air Force Reserve from Robins Air Force Base. Since 2000, she has logged more than 150,000 miles traveling as the show emcee to lift the spirits of troops and their families deployed all over the world. She has performed in Japan, Korea, the DMZ, Hawaii, Alaska, Germany, Turkey, Iceland, Spain, Portugal, England, Italy, and throughout the Middle East. She reports for television from those locations making connections with troops and their families back in the states.

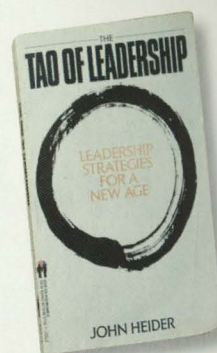
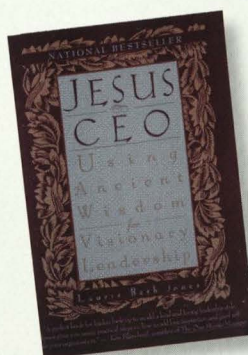
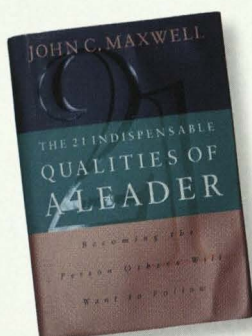
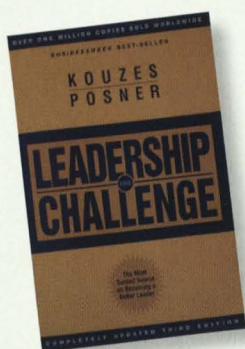
The Georgia Association of Broadcasters named MaryTherese "TV Personality of the Year" for 2005. The Ad Council of Central Georgia and *Georgia Trend Magazine* also have recognized her for professional excellence. In 2008, she was designated a Georgia Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of Middle Georgia. She is a former Miss Macon, Miss Warner Robins, and Miss Houston County Fair.

Wesleyan graduated 102 candidates for undergraduate degrees (97 earned Bachelor of Arts degrees and 5 earned Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degrees) and 12 for Master of Arts degrees during commencement exercises held May 9, 2009. In a separate ceremony on May 2, Wesleyan awarded 17 graduate degrees to professionals through its Executive Master of Business Administration program.









# Ethical, Effective & Enduring

A group of twenty-five first-year students gather in a classroom early on a beautiful spring Saturday morning to take a rigorous course. It's not required and no credit is issued. "There's no course credit, but it's an honor to be selected for participation in these courses," according to Kaitlyn Rentz "I don't know of another college with a program like this. I leave the classes inspired for the week."

Leadership development, effective communication, enhanced self-esteem, clarified values, and improved interpersonal skills — these are a few of the desires of the students participating in a new leadership program called Pierce Pioneer Leaders. Aside from a carefully developed four-year curriculum, the program provides students with an opportunity to attend a leadership conference, gain certification as a peer educator, and address a real community issue through a capstone senior project.

"Right away, I was hooked," said Rentz, a first-year student in the program. "In class, we discuss the concepts from the assigned readings within the context of our own experiences. I think most students assume leadership is a natural talent — something you're either born with or you're not. But through this program, we focus on how to develop a leadership style that draws on our individual strengths and values the strengths of others. We all have our own natural way of leading, but leading is a skill."

The Pierce Pioneer Leaders Program was designed to develop educated leaders who are ethical, effective, and enduring. It is just one example of Wesleyan's commitment to a strong co-curricular program that focuses on student leadership. To ensure a balance of leadership theory and skill-building, students are exposed to a comprehensive curriculum and also benefit from a series of leadership opportunities. The

combination prepares students to assume leadership roles that will lead to successful personal relationships, campus commitments, professional preparation, and citizenship.

"We feel strongly about an intentional course of leadership study," said Vice President for Student Affairs Patty Gibbs. "Wesleyan attracts students who are determined to effect change in the world and we have a responsibility to prepare them to assume major leadership roles. The drive and desire to lead is intuitive for many of our students. When we pair that natural ability with formal leadership preparation, the result will benefit our campus community, strengthen the effectiveness of student clubs and organizations, increase classroom engagement and discussion, and prepare students for greater post-graduate success."

First-year Pioneer Leaders are exposed to the various ways that leaders



emerge and contribute within a given organization or community. Program participants at this level are equipped with the fundamentals of leadership theory, models, and concepts. First-year students meet six times each year and study a wide variety of texts including: *Leadership Challenge* by Kouzes and Posner, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey, *21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader* by Peter Maxwell, *The Tao of Leadership* by John Heider, *Jesus CEO* by Laurie Beth Jones, *Emotionally Intelligent Leadership* by Marcy L. Shankman and Scott J. Allen, and *On Leadership* by John W. Gardner.

Curriculum for sophomore students is designed to increase self-awareness of leadership abilities and to teach participants how to apply these abilities in practical ways. Content focuses on improving participants' presentation skills with specific modules that address effective communication, delegating responsibilities, facilitating meetings, strategic planning, and inspiring and empowering others. Interactive exercises help students understand concepts and applications. Also, journaling is required of sophomore students to increase self-awareness plus identify strengths, weaknesses, and strategies for improvement.

Curriculum for junior students is designed to improve mentoring skills and to prepare participants for effective role modeling. Students gain the tools needed to assess problems, expand on ideas, and share solutions. Participants at this level enter the Certified Peer Educator Training Program, a comprehensive, interactive, skills-based training designed to develop effective

student leaders. Participants also are introduced to The BACCHUS Network, a national university-community collaborative resource. This non-profit organization's mission is to develop leaders who effectively advance safe lifestyle decisions concerning alcohol abuse, tobacco use, illegal drug use, unhealthy sexual practices, and other high-risk behaviors.

At the senior level, students engage in experiential opportunities and leadership projects designed to enhance their leadership skills and prepare them for leadership roles beyond campus. Equipped with a variety of leadership concepts, students put knowledge into action through a Senior Leadership Project.

"Students must conduct an environmental scan to determine a critical issue or need within our Wesleyan campus community or the greater Macon community," said Gibbs. "They must create a detailed analysis of the issue and an action plan. They not only put the plan into action but also measure the results through tools such as surveys and polls."

To gain acceptance into the Pierce Pioneer Leaders Program, first-year and sophomore students must be nominated by a faculty or staff member and invited to apply. Applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, and have an expressed interest in community engagement. Pierce Scholars are automatically enrolled into the program.

## Presidential Honor Roll for Distinguished Community Service

Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) named Wesleyan College to the 2008 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to disadvantaged youth. This year's 2008 Honor Roll is the third annual list for the new community service recognition program. Wesleyan College also was named to the 2006 and 2007 Honor Rolls.

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovativeness of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

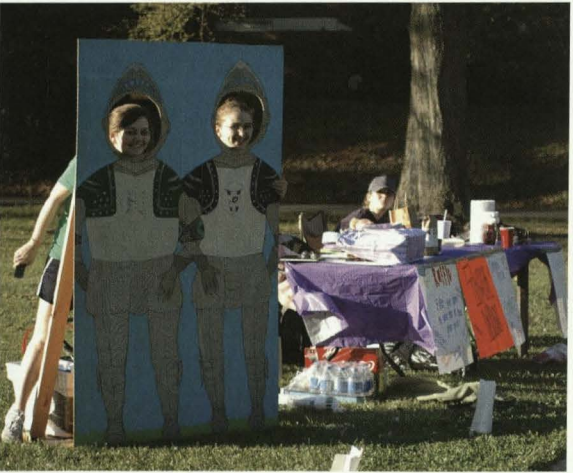
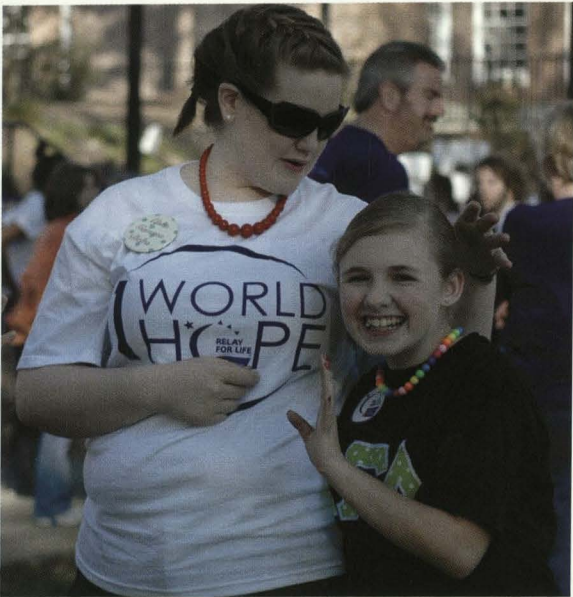
"In this time of economic distress, we need volunteers more than ever. College students represent an enormous pool of idealism and energy to help tackle some of our toughest challenges," said Stephen Goldsmith, vice chair of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, which oversees the Honor Roll. "We salute Wesleyan College for making community service a campus priority, and thank the millions of college students who are helping to renew America through service to others."

In all, 635 schools were recognized – twelve of those were Georgia colleges or universities. The Community Service Honor Roll awarded six schools with Presidential Awards and 546 schools with Honor Roll Awards. Wesleyan was one of eighty-three schools nationally, and the only school from Georgia, to receive the Honor Roll with Distinction award.

"College and university students across the country are making a difference in the lives of others every day – as are the institutions that encourage their students to serve others," said American Council on Education President Molly Corbett Broad.

Recent government studies have underlined the importance of service learning and volunteering to college students. In 2006, 2.8 million college students gave more than 297 million hours of volunteer service, according to the CNCS's Volunteering in America 2007 study. Using Independent Sector's estimates of the value of volunteer time, college student volunteering was worth more than \$5.6 billion last year.





# *A time to give* **HOPE**

Students from Wesleyan, Mercer University, and Macon State College united in a common goal – to raise \$13,000 and lots of awareness. Almost 200 students walked all night around Wesleyan's main quad during the first annual Macon Area Colleges Relay for Life. The event was intended, not to compete with the main Relay for Life event but rather, to increase the impact of Relay for Life by getting local college students involved in the popular worldwide American Cancer Society initiative.

"We invited all colleges in the area to join us in this effort. We had teams registered from Wesleyan, Mercer, and Macon State," said Wesleyan Student Lisa Ohman who served as the event co-chairman. "In addition to meeting our fundraising goals, we wanted to honor as many cancer survivors as possible."

Relay for Life events offer everyone in a community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer. Teams of people camp out at a local high school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running all night around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. The Macon Area Colleges Relay itinerary was jam-packed with thirteen hours

of live music and events designed specifically for the college crowd.

"Relay For Life is a time to give hope to those who are battling cancer. It's a celebration of cancer survivorship, a show of support, and a small way to join the fight. Through Relay, we have a chance to recognize those who have been touched by cancer and be inspired by their courage," said Ohman. "In addition to recruiting teams and securing donations, we invited dozens of cancer survivors to participate in the Survivor Lap."

Ten cancer survivors participated in the Survivors Lap, three of whom were college-aged students. One student from Mercer University, Catherine Carswell, is the youngest breast cancer survivor in Georgia and the third youngest in the United States. She was diagnosed at the age of twenty-one.

Relay For Life was started in Tacoma, Washington, in the 1980's by Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon, in an effort to raise money for the American Cancer Society. In 1985, Dr. Klatt ran and walked a local track for 24 hours to raise \$27,000 for the American Cancer Society. Since then, Dr. Klatt's effort has grown into a worldwide movement to raise money and awareness about cancer.



# paying tribute

Since graduation, Carolyn McClinton Woodard '72 had passed by Wesleyan College a countless number of times, but in the thirty-seven years never really returned to campus. This past February, she and two classmates returned with mixed emotions.

"When I pulled in, I thought about that very first day when my family pulled in with me freshman year. All of those feelings – of not wanting to be at Wesleyan, some anger, some frustration – came back to me," she said. "I realized that I avoided returning to campus because I didn't want to experience those feelings. [Returning helped] me process those feelings and put in perspective what occurred while I was here and what has helped to shape and mold me as an individual."

In August of 1968, five courageous women integrated Wesleyan College: Carolyn McClinton Woodard, Dyleane Taylor, Christine Everett, Marvette Renee Baldwin Jenkins, and Sonya Tomlinson Holland. Joining the Wesleyan student body during the late 60s meant facing many challenges, according to Dyleane Taylor. She experienced a difficult first semester on campus but knew the significance of

staying. "I knew I could not leave," she remembered. "I had to graduate from Wesleyan and open that door."

Carolyn Woodard also had a difficult transition. "I had no intention of going to an all-white school," she said. "Initially, I felt coming to Wesleyan was not my choice. It was a decision made under duress and I felt I would sabotage the whole process. That first semester, I told my mother I was unhappy and wanted to move to another school. She was very supportive, but there was something in my mother's eyes that showed me at the time that this was bigger than me. This wasn't about me; this was about change and moving forward – integration, all of that. That's when I realized I needed to make this work."

Carolyn, Dyleane, Christine, Marvette, and Sonya persevered and on February 28, 2009, three of the five pioneers returned to campus and enjoyed a full day of fan fare. Wesleyan formally honored its first five African American graduates at a special Black History Month Celebration & Gospel Concert themed "Honoring the Past & Blazing Trails to the Future."

The graduates, along with current students and many distinguished community leaders, participated in a March of Honor and then were honored by several artists and performers through song, dance, prayer, poetry recitation, and cultural traditions including lighting of the Kinara and pouring of libations ceremonies. The day-long event paid tribute to the experience of these five Wesleyan alumnae and celebrated May 21, 1972, the day they were conferred with bachelor's degrees.

"We are so very proud to honor the five Wesleyan Pioneers whose courage, talent, grace, and personalities enabled Wesleyan to move forward as a community during the turbulent 60s and early 70s with relative calm," said Wesleyan President Ruth Knox during the celebration. "I was a wide-eyed freshman in the fall of 1971 when these five were seniors, yet I had no idea that they had been the first African Americans to enroll at Wesleyan. Their presence was perfectly natural – because of who they were and are. And now, of course, Wesleyan has one of the most diverse student bodies in the country and that is one of our greatest treasures."

*Pictured: Carolyn McClinton Woodard, Marvette Renee Baldwin Jenkins, and Sonya Tomlinson Holland, three of Wesleyan's first five African American graduates returned to campus to be honored. Two others were honored in absentia, Dyleane Taylor and Christine Everett (not pictured).*



# The Inauguration Travelogue of Professor Tom Ellington

"I had the good fortune to be in Washington DC for President Obama's Inauguration. Before coming to Wesleyan, I had lived just outside the city for eight years, and I had been to two previous inaugurations, but this one was different. It's not often you see 1 million people gathered in one place, much less 1 million people in a festive mood. It was very cold, and people watching on TV could certainly see more of what was going on, but I would not have wanted to be anywhere else." – Wesleyan College Assistant Professor of Political Science Thomas Ellington

Visitors crowd the National Mall as preparations continue the Saturday before the inauguration.



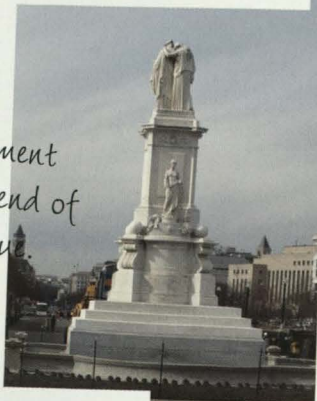
More than 1 million people filled the National Mall on Jan. 20 to see President Obama sworn in.



Washington's Union Station is decorated for the inauguration.



The Peace Monument marks the Capitol end of Pennsylvania Avenue.



Customers crowd a kiosk selling Obama-themed merchandise in Washington's Union Station.



Satellite trucks line Constitution Avenue on Saturday, Jan 17.



Pro-statehood signs line Connecticut Avenue NW near Dupont Circle. The District of Columbia city government was one of many organizations to adapt an Obama campaign slogan to its own uses.



# Lindy Burnett

## The Art of Illustration: Lindy Burnett

Award-winning Illustrator and Wesleyan College Alumna Lindy Blasingame Burnett '76 reconnected with her *alma mater* last fall and immediately built a loyal fan base of art students. Originally, Lindy returned to campus to share her passion for illustration with the mid-state through a solo exhibition of her work in Wesleyan's Murphey Art Building Gallery. The exhibit, which featured a selection of her advertising illustrations and award-winning children's books, offered a unique behind-the-scenes examination of the publishing and advertising industries. She also agreed to teach a special topics course called *Dare to Illustrate*.

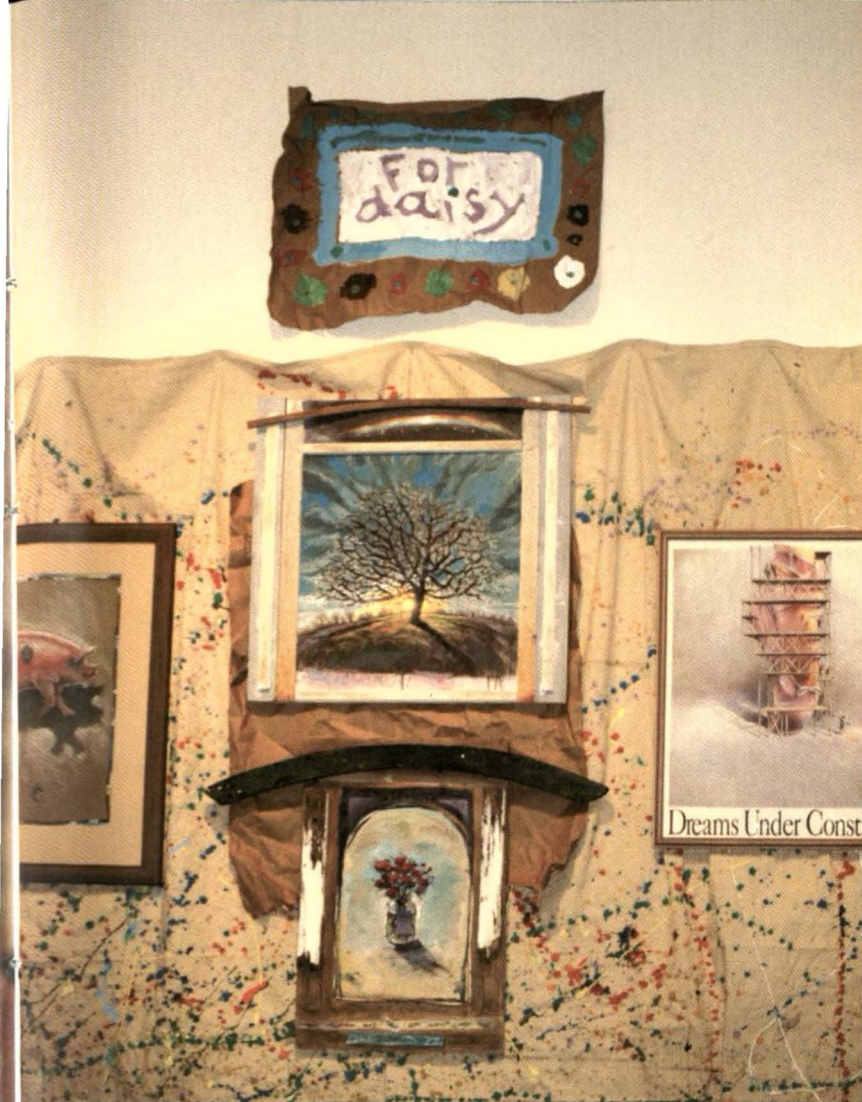


*Dare to Illustrate* was so popular that Lindy returned and taught a continuation of the course the following semester, called *Children's Book Illustration*. After just two courses, she's developed a dedicated following of talented budding illustrators who have all produced their own eight-page illustrated children's books. Despite

a demanding career as a professional artist, Lindy travels to Macon each week to teach the group. "I am just blown away by the talent on Wesleyan's campus," she said. "I absolutely love working with these students."

Lindy Burnett lives and works in a restored barn on nearly thirty acres that she hopes will someday be an artists' retreat where students and established artists can go to draw, paint, learn, and find inspiration. After graduating from Wesleyan, she pursued post-graduate study of commercial visual arts at the Portfolio Center in Atlanta. In the span of her career, Lindy has illustrated national marketing





Pictured: Lindy Burnett '76 is widely recognized for her distinctive style that combines bold use of color, whimsical illustrated type, and characters rich with personality.

campaigns for Arby's, McDonald's, Hardee's, Orville Redenbacher, Coca-Cola, Harcourt-Brace, Villeroy & Boch, Quaker Oats, Coors, Delta, Kellogg's, Nestle, and many others.

Her true passion, though, is illustrating children's books. As an artist and mother, Lindy sees a great need for books that respect children's intelligence and desire to learn about the world. Lindy illustrated her first children's book in 2001, *The Book of Wizard Craft*. Since then, she has published *The Book of Wizard Magic*, *I Live Here*, *The Sunset Switch*, and, soon to be released, *The Seaside Switch*. *The Book of Wizard Craft* is printed in more than twenty

languages and was named as one of the Top 25 books on the planet in 2002.

Raised in Europe, Lindy is the oldest of four daughters of an army chaplain and an educator. Reflecting on her artistic career, the 1976 alumna claims that she traveled the world but found her voice in Georgia. She's studied the Old Masters and taken in the beauty of the finest masterworks, yet she finds her greatest inspiration to be the Southern landscape and culture that surrounds her home in historic Madison, Georgia. Lindy's use of rich, vibrant color and exquisite detail characterize the distinctive artistic style that catapulted her career.

On the Wesleyan campus, Lindy is not only sharing every trade secret she knows but also connecting current students with publishers and agents. Several students are producing professional work outside the course, making valuable industry connections, and earning extra income. Lindy and her students work with watercolor, gouache, colored pencils, and mixed media. "The projects we work on in class are just like real jobs. The materials, techniques, and advice are all very practical," she said. "I want to help these artists get started. And, I just happen to know exactly what they'll need to know to make it in this field."



# STUNT.09

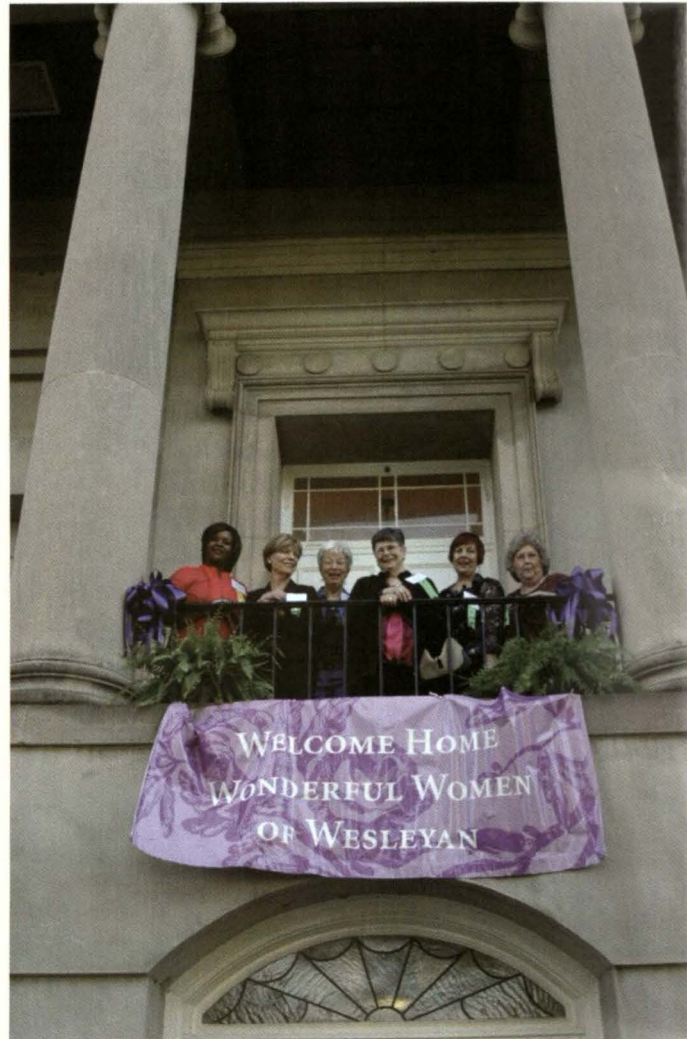




From hilarious costumes to moving candlelit ceremonies, tradition is alive and well at the world's oldest and boldest college for women. 2009 marked the 113th year of the annual class musical production that dates back to 1897. The four classes wrote, directed, performed, and produced their own skits to compete for the coveted STUNT cup. The Golden Hearts won both the STUNT Cup and the Spirit Cup this year. All proceeds from the annual event benefit academic scholarships. (Photo by Jason Vorhees.)







### *From the Alumnae Association President*

Alumnae Weekend 2009 — what a great time was had by all! We enjoyed reuniting with classmates, big and little sisters, faculty and staff, and also reunited with the physical campus we love. We were stirred by beautiful music provided by the Wesleyan Concert Choir, the Wesleyannes, the Washboard Band, and the fantastic newly refurbished Goodwyn-Candler-Panoz organ. These musical interludes took place in such familiar places as the beautiful Oval Hall and the newly remodeled Porter Auditorium. These facilities bring heartwarming feelings of familiarity and pride to each of us. We also enjoyed roaming through the Munroe Science Center with feelings of excitement over how many young women's minds will be stretched and empowered within its walls. The campus looks marvelous. Make plans to come back to campus soon and see for yourself. If not before, mark your calendars now to attend next year's Alumnae Weekend, April 16, 17, and 18, 2010, for a wonderful Homecoming celebration.

Jody Bethea Riggs '88  
President, Wesleyan College Alumnae Association





## Alumnae Weekend 2010 April 16, 17 & 18

You will be receiving more information about your reunion this fall. Reunions are celebrated at five-year intervals, but all alumnae are invited to this and every Alumnae Weekend.

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## 2009 ALUMNAE AWARD RECIPIENTS

JOYCE PARIS DR. VALERIE SUZANNE KNOPIK P. CAROL "MOON" BURT

### JOYCE PARIS, CLASS OF 1954 Distinguished Service to the Community

As a retired thirty-year educator, Joyce Paris has a reputation for being a highly successful professional, and a tremendous influence for good in her community. Joyce's compassion for her fellow man is evident in her choice of activities, and she is never too busy to help a friend, a church member, a student, or anyone in need. Joyce graduated from Wesleyan with a degree in psychology, then earned a master's of education and a specialist degree in educational administration from the University of Georgia. From 1956 until her retirement in 1986, she worked with Georgia's Decatur City Schools, first as a teacher then as a principal, where she was a dedicated defender of faculty and staff whom she supported morally and psychologically.

Using her ability to achieve educational goals, she was intent on developing students into citizens who would be positive assets to the community. Through Joyce's efforts Glennwood Elementary School, where she was principal, was the first school in Decatur to participate in the Adopt-A-School Program. Joyce's concerns stretched far beyond her duties as principal. She was a founding member of the Decatur Cooperative Ministry, and Publicity Coordinator for City Schools of Decatur from 1976 to 1986. Upon her retirement, the drive in front of Glennwood Elementary was named Joyce Paris Drive. This honor was not only in recognition of her years as principal, but more importantly, for her impact on the community.

An active member of Grace United Methodist Church for fifty-two years, Joyce has held many leadership roles including service on the Board of Trustees and chairman of the Board of Grace Academy, an after-school tutorial program for elementary children. Her leadership resulted in providing materials, maintenance of the facility, and the acquisition of a new van for the church. Since 1986, Joyce has volunteered with the Decatur-Area Emergency Assistance Ministry, which helps families in crisis, often paying for food, utilities, and medical needs. She developed a new training manual for volunteers, has been a member of the Coordinating Council and Executive Board, and helps with the program's annual food drive.

Joyce enjoys traveling, and uses her experiences to enrich the lives of others. She has visited more than fifty countries, most recently as a delegate to the Methodist World Conference in 2006 when she traveled to Korea. Always loyal to her *alma mater*, Joyce has been an active member of the Atlanta Wesleyan Alumnae Club since 1954 and has served on reunion committees and as a class liaison. Dedicated to keeping Wesleyan's "first for women" tradition strong for future generations, she is a charter member of The Society for the Twenty-First Century.



**P. CAROL "MOON" BURT**  
**CLASS OF 1964**  
**Distinguished Service to Wesleyan**

Carol Burt has exhibited outstanding service to Wesleyan since arriving on campus in 1960. As a physical education major, her student years centered around sports, where she held various offices in the Athletic Association and was a member of the "W" Club. While playing soccer, volleyball, basketball, softball, tennis, golf, and swimming, she received several athletic awards including Splinters, Athletic Association Honor Roll, and various tennis titles, as well as retiring the Golf Cup in her name by winning the Cup three of four years. In 1990, Carol became one of only three women inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame in Wilkes County, Georgia.

After graduating from Wesleyan, Carol earned a master's degree in accounting from the University of Georgia in 1969. She was the first woman to be promoted to senior accountant on the audit staff at a major Atlanta accounting firm where she worked as a CPA. Then she became the first woman controller at Fulton Federal Savings, Atlanta. A talented businesswoman, Carol managed family businesses, and owned three restaurants. Gregory's in Atlanta received many "Best of Atlanta" awards and was selected as one of the nation's finest restaurants by *Esquire*.

After retiring early to St. Simons Island and missing the business world, Carol began to serve Wesleyan even more. While serving for eight years as class liaison, Carol and several classmates began emailing, and eventually formed an eClub to stay closer. During these eight years, the Class of 1964 maintained an average of 54% in annual giving participation to the College. Realizing that staying in touch was not only fun but also helped Wesleyan, Carol launched a campaign to establish eClubs in other classes. Carol currently serves as Wesleyan's Loyalty Fund Chair and uses her class as a model for what other classes can achieve by reconnecting through technology.

Carol also has used her longtime love for photography to benefit Wesleyan. For years she has videoed campus events like reunions, STUNT, and the Inauguration of Ruth Knox, while attempting to create a digital historical library for the College. Additionally, Carol produces reunion slide show videos featuring scanned photos from reunion year *Veterropts* and uses Wesleyan music as background audio. In 2008, Carol's generosity and creativity led to the establishment of two new opportunities for students: the Addison M. Burt Videography Internship, named for her father, and the Louise Dunaway Burt Photography Competition, named for her mother.

**DR. VALERIE SUZANNE KNOPIK**  
**CLASS OF 1994**  
**Young Alumna Award**

While one can get a sense of Valerie Knopik's academic and professional excellence from reading the list of accomplishments on her resume, it does not showcase the grace with which she accomplishes these efforts or how she upholds Wesleyan's values in her personal and professional life. After graduating in 1994 with a double major in psychology and sociology, Valerie attended the University of Colorado, Boulder, earning her master's and doctorate degrees in psychology, with a specialty in behavior genetics. Her talent and determination resulted in faculty members regarding her as one of the most accomplished students to have ever trained at the Institute for Behavior Genetics, and many years later, she is still considered "one of their brightest stars."

Valerie further honed her scientific expertise at Washington University School of Medicine, obtaining a grant that allowed her to conduct research for five years. Her efforts have resulted in international recognition that is usually not seen in anyone less than a full professor. Her sterling reputation has taken her to Helsinki to teach the methodologies in which she is an expert and has fostered collaborations with researchers in Australia, England, and the Netherlands. Valerie has received numerous awards from national and international societies, most impressive being the Fuller and Scott Early Career Award from the Behavior Genetics Association, which is the highest honor possible for a junior faculty member in her academic field.

Not only does Valerie exemplify the Wesleyan value of individual excellence, she also adds her strengths to numerous teams of investigators and researchers. Her laughter, humor, and joyful enthusiasm have resulted in being sought out as a research collaborator and presenter at more than forty conferences and workshops. Valerie has been an author on an impressive twenty-three publications published in top behavior genetics journals. She spends a great deal of time teaching and mentoring, and lectures to undergraduates, graduate students, and psychology interns at Brown University. She serves on multiple committees and takes an active role in her community, recently serving as president of the executive board of directors at Eastside Early Learning Center at Butler Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island.

Valerie has accomplished these milestones at an astonishingly young age, and has done so while maintaining a balance between her professional and family life. She is scheduled to be promoted to associate professor after only five years at Brown University, instead of the average nine years expected within an Ivy League medical school. She and her husband have a daughter and a son, and Valerie prioritizes spending time with her children and taking leadership roles in their schools and after-school activities.

**Now is the time to Nominate for 2010 Alumnae Awards:**

Distinguished Achievement in a Profession • Distinguished Service to Community, Church or Wesleyan • Young Alumna Award  
For nomination forms contact the alumnae office (478) 757-5172 or download forms from our website. Deadline January 11, 2010.



# Alumnae CONNECTIONS

Winter and spring alumnae activities focused on seasonal events that promoted sisterhood, student recruitment efforts and the AAR program, and alumnae volunteerism in local communities. The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association promoted local WOW Day (*Women of Wesleyan*) service day initiatives in several cities, where alumnae had opportunities to give back to their communities as volunteers at local non-profit organizations. For more information on how to start a WOW Day in your community and help raise awareness of the College in your city, contact the alumnae office at 478.757.5172. Learn how you can make a difference as a Wesleyan volunteer!

## Florida

### Miami

Miami area alumnae were invited to participate in the first *WOW Day for South Florida* held at the Special Olympics in Traz Powell Stadium at Dade Community College. **Carmen Valdez '06** coordinated plans for alumnae who had opportunities to assist with the games and to meet and hug Special Olympic winners. Purple WOW Day buttons identified Wesleyan volunteers at the February event.

### Tallahassee

Area alumnae met at Goodwood Plantation and Gardens in Tallahassee for a luncheon in February. Retired librarian and archivist **Tena Roberts '60** spoke to the group on "Wesleyan Legends and Stories." Alumna Trustee **Virginia Barber Perkins '63** coordinated plans for the event. Other alumnae hostesses included **Ermine Owenby '61** and **Shari Richardson Arrington '71**. Wesleyan guests included **President Ruth Knox '75**, Susan Allen, senior advancement officer, and **Cathy Coxe Snow '71**, alumnae director.

## Georgia

### Atlanta

Atlanta Club members reconnected at seasonal events held in December. Advancement Officer **Beth Kargel '91** met with alumnae in Stone Mountain at the home of **Jerrye Griffeth Short '49**, who hosted a *Christmas Tea*. Atlanta Club President **Lisa Bridges Hines '98** welcomed guests to a *Casual Christmas Coffee* hosted by **Melanie Filson Lewis '93** at her home in Fayetteville. **Betty Nunn Mori '58** and **Susan Pyeatt Kimmey '71** represented trustees at the *Holiday Wine and Cheese Party* hosted by **Angela Fulton Kirby '69** at her home in Dunwoody. In January, a local *WOW Day for Atlanta* was held at City of Refuge, where alumnae worked in the clothes closet and donated diapers to the center. Beth Kargel, Lisa Hines, and **Natalie Puckett Evans '02** coordinated plans for the service day, which included a luncheon at Las Parillia Mexican Restaurant and wrap up session on the WOW Day experience. Club members met in May at Brio Tuscan Grille for a *Spring Luncheon*. College guest speakers included Patty Gibbs, vice president for student affairs, and **Tracy Ward Tilley '89**, alumnae admissions program director. The club also recognized new board members.

### Columbus

In January, area alumnae participated in *WOW Day for Columbus* at Open Door Community House, where they worked in the community clothes closet. **Ruth Powell Storts '93** spearheaded plans for the service day. Afterwards, alumnae enjoyed a "Dutch Treat Luncheon" at Locos Bar and Grill where they shared volunteer experiences and made plans for next year's WOW Day.

### St. Simons Island/Brunswick, GA

The Golden Isles alumnae group met at the home of **Pat Glass Thorpe '66** for their traditional *Holiday Coffee*. Wesleyan guests Cathy Snow and Susan Allen also attended the event and gave updates on the College. The group is planning a future WOW Day event.

### Macon

**Susan Thigpen McDuffie '53** hosted the Macon Club's annual *Holiday Coffee*. Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College Vivian Fowler, Director of Annual Giving Dawn Freelin, Assistant Alumnae Director Melissa Landrum, Susan Allen, and Cathy Snow attended the event and spoke to the group. In January, Macon Young Alumnae participated in *WOW A Day for Macon* and proudly wore WOW volunteer buttons at the many non-profit organizations where they served. Group wrap-up sessions were held at on-site volunteer locations where alumnae discussed the WOW Day experience. A closing luncheon was held in Anderson Dining Hall for all participants. **Lauren Hamblin '06**, Cathy Snow, and Melissa Landrum coordinated plans for alumnae participation in WOW Day activities. In February, area alumnae attended a Valentine's Day Tea held in Burden Parlor. "An Afternoon of Sweet Delights" featured a special musical treat by Comer Professor of Music Edward Eikner, pianist, and Hightower Professor of Voice **Nadine Cheek Whitney '79**, mezzo-soprano. **Lisa Sloben '00**, director of the Center for Fine Arts, also spoke to the group about Wesleyan's art treasures.

For more information about alumnae activities/clubs in your area contact:  
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1. A Special Day. Miami WOW DAY volunteers Nancy St. John Thornton '78 and Carmen Valdez '06 assist a Special Olympics athlete in Traz Powell Stadium.
2. February Friends. Tallahassee hostesses Shari Richardson Arrington '71, Ermine Owenby '61, and Virginia Barber Perkins '63 with President Ruth Knox and Julia Munroe Woodward '34 at Goodwood Plantation.
3. Camera Ready. Tallahassee area alumnae pose for the camera at Goodwood Plantation.
4. Tea Time. Atlanta Club members enjoy a Christmas Tea at the home of Jerrye Griffeth Short '49.
5. Coffee and Conversation. *Casual Christmas Coffee* hostess Melanie Filson Lewis '93 greets Atlanta Club guests.
6. Christmas Time Out. Atlanta Club holiday party hostess Angela Fulton Kirby '69 and classmate Betsy Dasher '69 relax in the kitchen.
7. Working for Wesleyan. Atlanta Club WOW DAY volunteers at City of Refuge.
8. Helping Hands. Columbus Club WOW DAY volunteers at Open Door Community House.
9. At Home for the Holidays. Golden Isles alumnae gather at the home of Pat Glass Thorpe '66.
10. Holiday Hostess and Helper. (From left) Susan Allen and Cathy Coxey Snow '71 thank Golden Isles hostess Pat Glass Thorpe '66 and Kay Watkins Hanson '61.
11. Macon it Happen. Macon area alumnae volunteer for WOW! A Day for Macon.
12. All Decked Out. Macon Young Alumnae enjoy holiday cheer at the club's annual coffee.
13. Christmas Gift. Macon Club *Holiday Coffee* hostess Susan Thigpen McDuffie '53 with her Wesleyan purple angel.





# Sympathy

*The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends sympathy to:*

**Julia Munroe Woodward '34** of Quincy, FL, on the death of her sister, **Margaret Munroe Thrower '35** of Atlanta, on February 17, 2009.

**Ida Stephens Williams '40** of Lawrenceville, GA, on the death of her sister, **Emma Stephens Wilson '34** of Athens and Washington, GA, on December 3, 2008.

**Camilla Cotton Myhand '46** and **Claire Myhand Batchelor '80** both of LaGrange, GA, on the death of Camilla's sister and Claire's aunt, **Annie Cotton Clark '45**, of Buford, GA, on January 22, 2009.

**Clifton Wight Quinly '46** of Tallahassee, FL, on the death of her sister, Azalee Wight Schneider, of La Jolla, CA, on January 18, 2009.

**Fran Callaway McCommon '47** of Macon, on the death of her sister, **Virginia "Gin" Callaway Beckmann '49** of Leesville, LA, on March 12, 2009.

**Anne Ragan Morrison '48** of Atlanta, on the death of her sister, **Margaret Ragan Smith '44**, of Durham, NC, on January 31, 2009.

**Dr. Faith Munford Price '49** of Guffey, CO, on the death of her sister-in-law, **Virginia "Jenny" Townsend Munford '32** of Ridgeland, MS, on December 15, 2008.

**Winifred "Winnie" Clements Begin '52** of Marietta, GA, on the death of her husband, Paul Begin, on July 29, 2008.

**Helen Blackmarr Outler '53** of Murrayville, GA, on the death of her husband, John Morgan Outler III, on December 13, 2008.

**Athelyn Wade Buttrill '54** of Hiawassee, GA, on the death of her cousin, **Betty J. Atwater '49** of Macon on December 17, 2008.

**Joan Shapiro Foster '56** of Vero Beach, FL, on the death of her husband, Thomas "Tom" Tuman Foster, on March 8, 2009.

**Mildred Taylor Dennis '57** of Macon, on the death of her husband, John Cobb Dennis, Jr., on April 3, 2009.

**Joan Maddox Sammons-Hodges '57** of Atlanta, on the death of her husband, Philip Glenn Hodges on February 17, 2004.

**Eleanor Adams Lane '58** of Macon, on the death of her mother, Marion Louise Jones Adams, of Macon, on May 12, 2009.

**Emogene Walker Taylor '58** of Eastman, GA, on the death of her husband, Joseph "Joe" D. Taylor on October 14, 2008.

**Ann Lee Alley Earnshaw '59** of Orlando, FL, on the death of her mother, Dorothy Alley, on November 27, 2008, just 20 days before turning 96.

**Catherine "Kitty" Vinson Pullen '59** of Byron, GA, on the death of her cousin, **Mary Josephine Holmes '32** of Macon, on October 15, 2008.

**Mary Margaret Woodward McNeill '60** of Southern Pines, NC, on the death of her aunt, **Margaret Munroe Thrower '35** on February 17, 2009.

**Flo Bloodworth Mellard-Greenway '61** of Macon, on the death of her daughter, Elizabeth Logan Mellard Graves, of Hilton Head Island, SC, on December 26, 2008.

**Gayle Langston Ricklefs '61** on the death of her brother, Francis Wingfield "Wink" Langston from Annapolis, MD, on October 31, 2008.

**Lynn Cochran Thompson '61** of The Villages, FL, on the death of her sister, **Betty Jo Cochran Ridley '63** of Clarkesville, GA, on January 30, 2009.

**Judy Woodward Gregory '63** of Quincy, FL, on the death of her aunt, **Margaret Munroe Thrower '35** of Atlanta, on February 17, 2009.

**Martha Jo Burnett Fountain '64** of Culloden, GA, on the death of her husband, Henry Schneider Fountain, Jr., on January 23, 2009.

**Frances White Skoglund '64** of Live Oak, FL, on the death of her husband, Ole J. Skoglund, on February 4, 2009.

**Birdie "Bebe" Ferrell McClain '66** on the death of her brother, Milton M. Ferrell, Jr., on November 15, 2008.

**Kay "Kasey" Carneal Phillips '67** of Opelika, AL, on the death of her father, who died on October 9, 2008.

**Janie Hudson Williams '67** of Madison, GA, on the deaths of her parents, who had been married for 65 years, Jean Tatum Hudson, on October 20, 2008, and Eldred P. Hudson, Sr., on January 11, 2009.

**Patricia "Pat" Ondo Snyder '69** of Columbus, OH, on the death of her mother, Polly Ondo, also of Columbus, on October 10, 2008.

**Patricia Holcomb Moore '70** of McLean, VA, on the death of her sister, **Pamela Holcomb Losey '68** of Vienna, VA, on October 13, 2008.

**Susan Woodward Walker '70** of Franklin, TN, on the death of her aunt, **Margaret Munroe Thrower '35** of Atlanta, on February 17, 2009.

**Debby Smith Kelly '71** of Monticello, GA, on the death of her mother, Sara S. Smith, on September 10, 2008.

**Rebecca "Becky" Edenfield Lingerfelt '71** of Marietta, GA, on the death of her father, Enon Hugh Edenfield, on March 1, 2009.

**Carol Bacon Kelso '73** of Thomasville, GA, and **Anna Kelso Pettis '06** of Centerville, GA, on the death of Carol's mother and Anna's grandmother, **Marijean Allsopp Eilers '47** of Thomasville, on May 7, 2009.

**Grace Harris Cook '74** of Perry, GA, on the death of her husband, Colonel Byron Thomas "Tom" Cook, on January 11, 2009.

**Deborah "Debbie" Doyle Edenfield '74** of Darien, GA, on the death of her father, Luther W. Doyle, on January 8, 2008.

**Judy Hoffman '74** of St. Petersburg, FL, on the death of her mother, Jane Cheairs Hoffman of St. Petersburg, on March, 26, 2009.

**Jane Williams Tarman '74** and her daughter, **Laura Tarman '03**, both of Statesville, NC, on the death of Jane's aunt and Laura's great aunt, **Emma Stephens Wilson '34** of Athens and Washington, GA, on December 3, 2008.

**Dr. Amelia Anne Alderman '75** and **Anne Whipple Alderman Murphey '48** and **'49** both of Macon, on the death of Amelia Anne's husband and Anne's son-in-law, Albert B. Gill, on November 20, 2008.

**Beth Sullins Hughes '75** of Macon, on the death of her mother, **Eva Heath Sullins '47** of Griffin, GA, on December 31, 2008.

**Jacalyn Street Wilson '75** of Lizella, GA, on the death of her husband, Larry, on December 30, 2007.

**Sally Roberts Griffin '76** of Martinez, GA, on the death of her son, Charles Thayer Griffin, on February 2, 2009.

**Cynthia McMullen '76** of Richmond, VA, on the death of her father, Rev. Conley A. McMullen, on June 29, 2008.

**Beth Holliman Boswell '77** of Winston Salem, NC, on the death of her mother, **Nancy Williams Holliman '54**, of Winston Salem and Huntsville, AL, on April 17, 2009.

**Debbie Stevenson Moses '89** of Atlanta, on the death of her father, Bill Stevenson, of Fayetteville, TN, on November 7, 2008.



# Births and Family Additions

*The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:*

**Anita Stern Isaac '76** and Gamaliel of New York, NY, on the birth of a daughter, Zoe Ariel Isaac, on September 26, 2008.

**Penny Stone Jorgenson '92** and Mike of Macon, on the birth of a daughter, Angelina, on July 12, 2008. Angelina joins 2 year-old sister Kari.

**Janelle Reynolds Fleming '94** and Jason of Moorehead City, NC, on the birth (at home) of a son, Morgan Graham, on May 11, 2009.

**Elizabeth "Izzy" Leaman Hague '96** and Brian of Orange Park, FL, on the birth of a daughter, Evelyn Patricia Hague, on February, 6, 2009. Evelyn joins big sister Olivia and big brother William. Grandmother is **Kathy Weeks Leaman '72**.

**Suzanne Grisby Wieschorster '97** and Matt of Warner Robins, GA, on the birth of a daughter, Annaliese Wieschorster, on February 20, 2009. Big brothers Benji and Jack are thrilled.

**Amelia "Amy" Armstrong Carmichael '98** and Jim of Smyrna, GA, on the birth of a son and first child, John Thomas Carmichael, on June 6, 2008.

**Jessica Jarman '99** of Evansville, IN, on the birth of a son, Robert (Robby) Baylea Jarman, born February 6, 2009, in Evansville, IN.

## Marriages

*The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:*

**Dana Daniel Lambeth '81** of Macon, who married J. Milton Heard IV of Macon, in Jamaica in the fall of 2008.

**Dale-Renee "Tootsie" Barfield '89** of Pooler, GA, who married Gregory "Greg" F. Waters on March 6, 2009, in Savannah, GA, on beautiful Columbia Square near the fountain. The couple resides in Guyton, GA. Mother of the bride is **Natalie Brewton Barfield '54** of Macon.

**Stephanie Harvey '92** of Americus, GA, who married Raymond P. Mannila on November 29, 2008.

**Lori Downie '95** of Columbia, SC, and Todd Hudak of Findlay, OH, who was married on April 5, 2008! The couple honeymooned in Nassau.

**Wendy Lazarro '97** of Charlotte, NC, who married Tom Grover.

**Shannon McGinley '99** of Augusta, GA, and Alan Dunavan, who were married on April 6, 2008, at Savannah Rapids Pavillion in Evans, GA. **Amanda Benson Gay '99** was a

**Amanda Bickley Aguilar '00** and Edwin of Kathleen, GA, on the birth of a son, Jackson Elijah Aguilar, on November 11, 2008.

**Amanda "Mandy" Driggers Grau '00** and Eric of Hixson, TN, on the birth of a daughter, Anna Claire, on April 8, 2008.

**Melissa Lockert Lain '00** and Scott, of Nashville, TN, on the birth of their fourth child, Katelyn Ann Lain, on February 23, 2009.

**Jywanya Smith Dillinger '01** and Mark of Bonaire, GA, on the birth of a son, Myles Wesley Dillinger, on December 21, 2008. Proud aunt is **Asha Smith '03**.

**Crystal "CC" Rogers Cheyne '02** and Garrick of Canton, GA, on the birth of a son, Thaxton Raymond Cheyne, on September 7, 2008.

**Hannah Gandy Fleckenstein '03** and John of Forsyth, GA, on the birth of a daughter, Olivia Bailey Fleckenstein, on October 28, 2008. Grandmother **Glennnda Kingry Elliott '65** is thrilled.

**Erin Zinko McKenna '04** and Will of Marietta, GA, on the birth of a son, Liam David McKenna, on April 9, 2009. First time grandmother is **Sally Moffett McKenna '75**.

bridesmaid and **Amy-Chris Vinson '99** and **Kathryn Smith Vinson '99** also attended. The Dunavan's live in Augusta.

**Belinda Hewett '00** of LaFayette, GA, and Joseph (Jody) Andrew Wells, who were married on July 25, 2008. They reside in Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

**Amy Starrett '01** of Hinesville, GA, who married Chris Turner on September 2008. They reside in Savannah, GA.

**Lindsay Rosenquist '06** of Pewaukee, WI, who married William Burns on September 1, 2007, in Loves Park, IL.

**Claire Amy '06** of Milledgeville, GA, who married Peter M. Schultz on November 24, 2008.

**Melinda Fitzgerald '07** of Macon, who married Joseph Goggans on June 28, 2008. Mother of the bride is **Mary Ann Aiken Fitzgerald '83** of Macon.

# In Memoriam

1922	Irene Sewell Hobby
1930	Carolyn Gibson Phelps Louise Garrett McLeod
1932	Mary Josephine Holmes Virginia "Jenny" Townsend Munford
1933	Laura Nelle Anderson O'Callaghan Emily Dozier Knott
1934	Emma Stephens Wilson
1935	Margaret Munroe Thrower
1936	Frances Wood Maffett
1938	Ola Exley Mullino
1939	Kathleen Grady Horne
1941	Emily Campbell Brown Kathleen Edna Davis Dr. Ernestine Gibson Hinton
1942	Frances Barnes Grant Marthelle Morris Harpe
1944	LaVerne West Gilreath Mary Louise Davis McGuire Josephine Banks McKay Sheftall Margaret Ragan Smith
1945	Annie Cotton Clark Elizabeth Jones Rutland
1946	Lareeta Cater Davis Marybelle Morris Dent LaVerne Clifton Thornton Margaret Joiner Smith Marybelle Morris Dent
1947	Marijean Allsopp Eilers Harriett "Hattie" Weatherly Head Eva Heath Sullins
1948	Jane Brown Temple
1949	Betty Jane Atwater Virginia "Gin" Callaway Beckmann Lucile Shi Hanson Charlotte Williford Kwirecki Kate Haywood Robinson
1951	Frances "Lil-bit" Cobb Hart Margaret Saville Lackland
1952	Jennie Louise Smith Walker
1953	Janice E. Ricketson Ann Draughon Lary
1954	Nancy Williams Holliman
1955	Emily "Jane" Fraser Bradley
1957	Floreida Judge Harrell
1959	Laverne Holton Kinard Kathleen Keck Ross
1961	Janet Oates Biba Nina Collins Wilkes
1963	Betty Jo Cochran Ridley
1965	Yvonne Gibson Carey
1966	Barbara Stanton Prentice
1968	Marjorie Elizabeth Welch Green Pamela Holcomb Losey
1972	Ada Braswell Parsons
1974	Allyn Burrell Stevens
1980	Marcia Knoblock





## Class of 1929 (80th reunion)

Mary Lester Brooks '29 of Decatur, GA, enjoyed attending the Golden Belles Luncheon with friends Jean Pim Kinsman '46 and Annie Mays Larmore '28. Daughter Mary Brooks McCarthy '65 was the designated driver! At 100 + years, Mary stays busy doing the daily jumble in the newspaper and taking water aerobics at the "Y." She has three children, one great granddaughter, and two great grand dogs.

## Class of 1934 (75th reunion)

Julia Munroe Woodward '34 of Quincy, FL, enjoyed a special treat during her 75th reunion when daughter Susan Woodward Walker '70 of Franklin, TN, was elected president of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association for the 2009-2012 term. Miss Julia's other daughters, Judy Woodward Gregory '63 and Mary Margaret McNeill '60, were also on hand for the celebration.

## 1930s

Last November, **Julia Munroe Woodward '34**, "Miss Julia" was honored with a lifetime achievement award for philanthropy from the Tallahassee Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. It is the first time their chapter has awarded this honor. College guests who attended the ceremony included President **Ruth Knox '75**, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College **Vivia Fowler**, Vice President for Advancement **Debbie Jones Smith '76**, and Senior Advancement Officer **Susan Allen**. Tallahassee alumnae attending the ceremony included Alumna Trustee **Virginia Barber Perkins '63**, **Ermine Owenby '61**, **Martha Jean Laslie Woodward '54**, and **Bootsie Laslie Brinson '58**.

"Life marches on in the most delightful way," says **Dorothy "Dottie" DuPuis Mackin '38**, who lives in Silver Spring, MD. Her news includes celebrating her 91st birthday in March 2008 and becoming a great-grandmother for the fourth time! Now she has a great-grandson to go along with her three adorable great-granddaughters - all children of her daughter's sons. Dottie's son has two boys who are younger; one a sophomore in high school and the other in middle school.

**Bernardine "Bunny" Smith Thomas '38** of New Orleans, LA, writes that she is still well and thriving at age 91. "I am blessed with good health and happiness as I remember the good start Wesleyan gave me in looking for the blessings in each day."

**Budd Terrace**. She is proud of the fact that she graduated from Wesleyan in three years and received a post-graduate scholarship to the Conservatory.

"I made the right decision to move to an assisted living facility after I fell and broke a hip in 2007," writes **Maryan Smith Harris '39** of Dublin, GA. "I enjoy not having to plan menus, go grocery shopping, prepare dinner and clean up afterward. Now I'm part of a congenial group who gets together to play cards, dominoes, scrabble, and bingo."

"With 23 grandchildren and 12 great 'grands' I stay very busy - I am either going to a wedding or a birthing. I celebrated my 90th birthday in March 2008 - a perfectly wonderful time with 58 members of my family filling the right side of the United Methodist Church in Sylvania, GA, on Sunday," writes **Mary Lovett "Stoop" Sharpe Robinson '39**.

Atlanta resident **Martha Zachry Thwaite '39** remembers her dear friend, **Margaret Munroe Thrower '35**, who died in February. "President Ruth Knox gave a beautiful eulogy, along with each of Margaret's five children. There was so much love expressed in this beautiful celebration of life in memory of Margaret."

## 1940s

"Douglas and I are very fortunate to have our son, Doug, Jr., and his family (wife Rory and their children, Fiona and Hilton) living next door to us," writes **Dr. Carol Jones Carlisle '40** from Columbia, SC. Carol reports that they all had a wonderful Christmas together that included a visit from her daughter, Diane Lindsey (who lives in PA), and one of Diane's children, David. Diane's other children could not get away from Boston.

"My most exciting news is that at

age 90 I became a 21st century medical guinea pig with the hope of helping other older seniors. So, I celebrated my 90th birthday in the hospital participating in a special Emory-Piedmont Heart study for persons 85 and older with heart valve problems that can be treated now and in the future without open heart surgery. I'm pleased with the results so far and hope to see the approval of this as a standard practice, not just an experimental one," writes **Marynell Sampley Waite '40** of Decatur, GA.

Congratulations to **Jessie Munroe Jones Whittemore '40** from Decatur, GA, who celebrated her 90th birthday, as well as her 62nd wedding anniversary with husband John.

"Life has been good to us," writes **Emily Cottingham Stuart '41**. She and husband Bob continue to live happily in Blacksburg, VA, where they stay involved in the community. They celebrated 62 years of marriage in August 2008. Both children and their families are also well and happy.

**Irma King Wright Guest '42** spends most of her time in Maggie Valley, NC. She is looking forward to being part of the alumnae group in nearby Waynesville.

"The college is often in my thoughts, always in my heart," writes **Alice Burrowes Ritter '42**, from Rochester, NY. "I miss being there, especially in the spring, when you are hosting the beautiful Georgia spring blossoms and warm days and we still have snow - alas."

"Still remembering the 90th birthday celebration of my husband, Tom, in June with about 500 friends and relatives in attendance - old age isn't for sissys - but we are thankful to be alive! I had cataract surgery in November and children and grandchildren came for Thanksgiving. Three of my five grandsons are in college - one a junior

at GA State; one freshman at UGA, and my oldest is a first year law student at GA State. I'm a proud grandmother," writes **Sara Griffin James '45** from Jesup, GA.

**Virginia "Ginny" Martin Lawrence '45** and her husband reside in Cincinnati, OH, where they stay active in civic and church affairs. They continue to spend summers at their cottage in Michigan. Two of their grandchildren graduated - one with a master's degree from the University of Chicago and another with a bachelor's degree (magna cum laude) from De Paul.

**Dr. Rebekah "Becky" Yates Anders '46** of Peachtree City, GA, pays tribute to her late classmate, **Dorothy Belle Barge Eros '46**, who died on July 30, 2008. Becky writes, "She was a loyal Wesleyanne. Her classmates loved her and she will be remembered and missed."

In April, **Susan "Sue" Lott Clark '46** of Waycross, GA, donated a copy of her second book to Wesleyan. The book is about her father's family and is entitled *Lott-Bailey Families and Their Relationship to Waycross, Ware County, Georgia*. It highlights two of the four founders of Waycross, and includes 400 illustrations as well as photographs, original drawings, and letters. Sue also donated a copy of her first book to Wesleyan. *Southern Letters and Life in the Mid 1800s*, published 14 years ago, focused on her mother's family.

"Harry and I have moved from the big house and cattle farm to a small house on top of a mountain right in town in Rockmart, GA. We enjoy the quiet community, the view, and the proximity of church and stores. Even at age 83 we are still very active and happy," reports **Lou Matteson Jones '46**.

"Christy Mann, a sophomore at Wesleyan, is an honor student. She is on

## ▲ 1939 (70th Reunion)

**Dorothy Rountree Budd '39** lives in Atlanta, where she is still a pianist for



## Class of 1939 (70th reunion)

From her home in Ponte Vedra, FL, retired teacher "Mimi" Cordes Kelley '39 writes, "Outside of my fitness program (golf, swimming, and weights) I like to read and write. I read to the second grade at PV Elementary School, and work at the PV Library FOL Bookstore. I have written and produced three plays for our Talent Limited group and have written the *History of the Friends of the Library - Ponte Vedra Branch from 2001-07*." She also recently donated a copy of *Mimi's Memories*, the story of the Cordes Family, to Wesleyan. Mimi was proud to represent the Class of 1939 at her 70th reunion in April.



the Equestrian Team, which performs at colleges in the southeast - from College of Charleston to University of Miami. Best of all, she is my granddaughter!" writes proud grandmother, **Joyce Daniel Mann '46** of Macon.

"I now have 11 great grandchildren," writes **Helen Proctor Morris Watson '46** of Statesboro, GA. "They call me GG. Do not see them as often as I would like. My son, Frank, is teaching at the Citadel in Charleston."

"I was recently named a biographical representative for Asheville (NC) in the 2008-09 online Cambridge *Who's Who Registry of Executive and Professional Women*. I have no idea who recommended me! If it was a Wesleyan, thank you," says **Anne Carlton Blanchard '47**.

**Betty Turner Corn '47** of Columbus, GA, writes, "Lovick and I went to Tuscany, Italy, in June ('08) for a family get together. Had a wonderful time, especially for two '80 + + year olds." Betty also celebrated the marriages of two grandchildren: Gilbert Miller to Jamee Kagle Orlando on June 28; Sarah to Brooks Watkins Jax at Lovely Lane Chapel in October at St. Simons (Epworth).

In Jacksonville, FL, **Geraldine "Gerry" Farrar-Thomas '47** volunteers at Ronald McDonald House and at Wolfson Childrens Hospital. She is also the Court Appointed Guardian for the son (age 65) of one of her deceased sisters.

This past year has been a good one for **Harriet "Happy" Loeb Feeny '47** and her husband. Their part of Florida (Ruskin) has been hurricane free and they are in good enough health to enjoy traveling. "Last fall we toured Sicily. In the spring we cruised to numerous Asian ports. In August we joined my Wesleyan roommate, **Jane Anne Mallet Settle '47**, and her husband for a wonderful trip to Slovenia, Croatia, Monte-

negro, Albania, and Greece. The last 11 days were aboard a charming little ship that held only 50 passengers." In October ('08) the Feeneys attended their granddaughter's wedding in Carmel, CA.

"I was surprised and pleased that my son, Riley Dessau Holliday, gave me for Christmas a "matching gift" from SunTrust Bank to Wesleyan. Riley works at SunTrust in Atlanta helping solve their computer problems," reports **Cordelia "Corky" Dessau Holliday '48** from Macon.

"Wesleyan means a great deal to me," writes **Beth Quillian Johnson '48** of Chattanooga, TN. Her daughter, Mary, and son-in-law, Dr. Phil Kersletter, live in KS, where he has been president of Kansas Wesleyan for six years.

**Marie Wilson Turner '48** of Mars Hill, NC, writes, "We became great grandparents in March '08. We celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary in August '08."

## ▲ 1949 (60th Reunion)

Reunion Co-Chairs **Mary Lane Edwards Hartshorn**, class president, and **Pat Johnson Childs** welcomed a record number of classmates back to Wesleyan for a sensational 60th that included two class parties. **Louise Futrelle Dodd** hosted a party on Friday night with help from chefs **Becky Watson Bowdre** and **Pat Childs**, while **Jane Morgan Hogan** hosted Saturday's get-together. Class Liaison and E-Rep **Margaret Duckworth Sewell** kept tabs on class gifts, while **Mimi Roads Griffith**, **Becky Bowdre**, and **Pat Childs** rounded out the reunion committee, phoning and contacting classmates. Class members attended a meaningful memorial service for deceased classmates on Saturday night led by **Margaret Sewell**, and sang "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again," with musical accompaniment by **Ruby**

**Layson** on her dulcimer.

Maconite **Louise Futrelle Dodd '49** has BIG NEWS to share! Her son-in-law, DuBose Porter (D) of Dublin, GA, is running for Governor. Her daughter took courses at Wesleyan when she lived in Macon during the week for their four sons to attend Stratford Academy. Louise's book, *Eating from the White House to the Jail House*, is in its second printing. Louise was also the subject of a chapter in a new book written by Ray Wilkes, retired Bibb County sheriff.

From Knoxville, TN, **Betty Buntyn Gooze '49** reports the birth of a great grandson, Tyler David Gooze, born August 13, 2008.

**Emmie Carlton Johnson '49** and her husband, Rev. Thomas Johnson, of Oxford, GA, enjoyed attending reunion in April and seeing her classmates. "I am still in the afterglow of our wonderful 60th anniversary reunion. Each time I read the *Benson Charge* I am overwhelmed by the privilege I had of attending the oldest and best.

This past year **Ruby Layson '49** of Frankfort, KY, traveled to the Middle East, where she visited Israel, Egypt, and Jordan. She wrote a newspaper feature article on the Israeli portion of the trip.

**Dr. Faith Munford Price '49** and husband Everett live on their Colorado mountain (in Guffey, CO) but enjoy visiting their three children and five grandsons in TX and SC, as well as traveling to warmer spots - like Italy. "Sisters from Wesleyan and marriage, I truly miss Jenny Munford (Virginia "Jenny" Townsend Munford '32), my sister-in-law. She was a former Miss Wesleyan, and studied library science at Columbia Univ. in N.Y. After graduation she worked in the Wesleyan library under the tutelage of her mentor, **Katharine Payne Carnes, Class of 1913**," writes Faith. (See *Sympathy*.)

**Nadine Cranmer Read '49** of Marietta, GA, celebrated the birth of her first great grandchild, Alexander Harrison Ward, on January 17, 2009. "He is beautiful!" In April, Nadine celebrated her 60th reunion at Wesleyan.

**Elizabeth "Libba" Cook Smith '49** of Statesboro, GA, reports that **Kathy A. Bradley '78** writes a beautiful column regularly in the *Statesboro Herald*. "Kathy is a shining example of our pride in our Wesleyaness." Libba was sorry she was unable to attend reunion. She was also saddened to hear of the death of **Charlotte Williford Kwilecki '49**, who majored in music at the Conservatory. (See *In Memoriam*.)

**Anne Strozier Threadgill '49** of Greenville, GA, helped her mother, Miriam, celebrate her 104th birthday on January 13, 2009. With good help, Anne and her sister are able to keep their mother at home.

According to Atlanta resident **Charlotte Little Walker '49**, some memories fade after 60 years but not the memory of happy years at Wesleyan. "Those great memories are as vivid as ever! Sometimes, I miss the classroom. But retirement from teaching is a wonderful time of life, too." Charlotte was sorry to miss being on campus again for reunion.

Retired pediatrician **Dr. Marcella DiVenuto Wood '49** of Decatur, GA, says she is still dabbling in volunteer work with the health department and "digging rocks."

## 1950s

**JoAnn Russell Campbell '50** of Lilburn, GA, remembers the late **Irene Sewell Hobby '22**. "My husband, Norton, was Irene's pastor (1980-84). When she learned I was a Wesleyan alumna she became a dear friend. I went to her Wesleyan Club meetings several times





## Class of 1944 (65th reunion)

"I'm proud to be a Wesleyan alumna," says Elizabeth "Liz" Rycroft Wood '44 of Maitland, FL, who represented her class at the 65th reunion. She and husband Rayburn enjoyed touring the campus, especially the Munroe Science Center, where she was so inspired that she is considering coming back to take classes! She reports that this was the best Alumnae Weekend she has had," and is writing to classmates about her experience. "The Alumnae Office was so kind to us - we look forward to another campus visit."

and she went to Greece and Italy with us in '82. I loved and admired her," writes JoAnn.

From Nashville, TN, **Peggy Wells MacLeod '50** writes to say that she would love some news from 1950 Conservatory graduates!

"Our family welcomed a 'spook' on Halloween," writes **Louise Cochran Mayfield '50** from Clarksville, TN. "Owen Nash Mayfield is our new grandson. Parents Nash and Jenny and his sister, Hannah, welcomed him as a 'treat' on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Mel and I are doing well at 80 and 87- still 'picking and grinning' on Thursday nights, and taking a 'Disciple' course on Tuesdays."

**Martha "Mot" Hayes Blackwell '51** of Stone Mountain, GA, writes, "I am retired and enjoying volunteer work at church and DeKalb Hospital. My husband, Bernard, is still running his company. We have four grandchildren but both my sons live out of state (NC and TX). I also love taking care of my two dogs (Papillons)."

"Our older daughter, Amanda, is vice-president at Bay State Health in Springfield, MA. She married Chris Terrill on August 16, 2008, at Canterbury Farms in Beckett, MA. Her father, W. Wylee Hopkins, gave her away! We were entertained at The Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge. Amanda's Brown University Swim Team attended," writes mother of the bride **Robin Chesney Hopkins '51 (Cons.)** from her home in Bel Air, MD.

**Jody Mann Adams '52** of St. Simons Island, GA, writes, "Hard times. I appreciate the notes and calls from classmates who knew about my daughter's death last March. God bless. I love you."

"As much as I'd like to be there in April my family keeps me busy. One grandson is entering law school, one graduating from Occidental College

in CA, one is on a football scholarship at Duke and, the most important, a grandson graduated from Norwich U and is a 2nd Lt. in the Army. Of my five granddaughters, one is graduating from Cal State at Fullerton, one is finishing her junior year at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, one granddaughter is in the Honor Program at University of Florida, and I have only two precious granddaughters left at home," reports **Marella Mitchell Cassels '52** from Clearwater, FL.

Way out west in Los Osos, CA, **Nancy King Flanders '52** is still singing! "Go Green Knights!"

The Wesleyan music department is grateful for a special gift from **Alice Ann Hamilton '53** of Decatur, GA, who gave the college a number of wonderful classical recordings on compact disc from the personal collection of her late brother, Dr. Charles Hamilton, a noted member of the Atlanta singers. The collection includes many operas and solo recitals by renowned female singers.

A self-described political "junkie," **Joan "Jen" Jennings Norton '53** of Green Cove Springs, FL, says that although she's been retired from teaching for 16 years and chooses to be less and less busy, she's loved most of the past two years - listening, reading about, and getting involved with campaigns. "Perhaps our new officials and appointees can make good on the 'Yes we can!'"

According to **Ann Harrell Saunders '53** in Augusta, GA, "It was good to see everyone at the reunion last April ('08). I'm already looking forward to '13 - somewhere!"

**Jackie Ward Schontzler '53** of Lilburn, GA, writes, "My brother-in-law, Ken, had been in the V.A. nursing home since the death of my sister, **Billie Ward Gaines '49** (June 27, 2007) and then was in hospice until his death in

Nov. 5, 2008. I was able to be with him almost daily since I still drive. He was such a dear."

"We are blessed with 14 grandchildren plus six others who asked us to be 'Nana' and 'DanDan.' We also have five great grandchildren. We are constantly aware of God's amazing answers to prayer and His ever-present help in times of trouble. He must have work for us to do - Bob and I have been married happily for more than 53 years!" reports **Joan "Joanie" Pritchard Smith '53** from Savannah, GA.

After 44 years in Arlington, VA, **Caroline Eagerton Upperco '53** has moved to a smaller house in Wilson, NC. She writes, "We love Wilson and are very happy to be here near our daughter and her family."

A note from **Kathryn "Kathy" Parsons Willis '53** says she is still working full time in the family business, Parsons, in Cumming, GA.

## ▲ 1954 (55th Reunion)

Purple Knights "charged" back to campus under the able leadership of Reunion Chair **Natalie Brewton Barfield** to experience the special bonds of sisterhood - still intact after 55 years. The Clubhouse at The Gables was the place to be for two class parties hosted by Class President **Nell Warren Hicks**. PK chatter included news on "grands" and "greats," while many photos were shared and taken throughout the weekend. Class spirit continued to soar at the annual meeting when **Joyce Paris '54** received a 2009 Alumnae Award. **Athelyn Wade Buttrill**, **Marilyn Bennett Edwards**, and **Ruth White Fruit** assisted with reunion plans, as did **Martha Jean Laslie Woodward**, who also served as class liaison and E-Rep.

In February, the art work of Conservatory graduate **Barbara Ann**

**Jones Akins '54** was featured in a show held at the Averitt Center for the Arts in her hometown of Statesboro, GA. For 20 years Barbara worked as a public school art educator, and also taught youth and adult art classes at the Recreation Department. She also served as art editor of the Statesboro High School *Criterion*. Her work is mainly in watercolors and oils, but she works in other mediums when inspired to do so. Barbara has been involved in art from early childhood and became self-taught prior to attending college because there was no art education program in local schools at that time.

"Greetings from Waynesville, NC, to all the Purple Knights of 1954," says **Bonnie Jo "Beje" Gardner Barnes '54**. "Wish I could have been there in April but this year we attended John's reunion. We are healthy and enjoying life at Lake Junaluska and times with kids at Lake Wylie, SC, and New Providence, NJ. Sent first grandchild to Duke this year and his sister to Emory (we hope) in the fall. I always appreciate the Wesleyan news."

Gene and **Harriett Willis Bevil '54** will cruise up the NE and into Canada in October. They will travel with her cousins Myrna Roberts and Mildred McAfee (and husbands), both LaGrange College grads and wives of retired Methodist preachers. "This is our first cruise and Gene hopes it won't resemble the troop ship that took him to Korea!"

"This has been a banner year. My first great grandchild was born and my 13th book, *The Greenwood Legacy* comes out in September '09. *Sunrise* (set in Macon and at Wesleyan) is now available in hardcover/large print and kindle reader. *The Gates of Trevalyan* (released October '08 and set in Madison, GA) is about faith, family, love, and courage during the Civil War and is garnering five star reviews,"



## Class of 1949 (60th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Roslyn Atkinson Harden, Betty Buntyn Googe, Wayne Aiken Burdell, Marcella DiVenuto Wood, Mildred "Tuck" Hawkins Jones, Marianne Coleman Whiteway **Row 2:** Ruby Layson, Anne Strozier Threadgill, Louise Futrelle Dodd, Mimi Roads Griffith, Jerrye Griffeth Short, Betty Jane Daniel Robinson, Jane Morgan Hogan **Row 3:** Julia Weathers Wynne, Martha Groover Staples, Wilhelmenia Taylor Nesbit, Margaret Duckworth Sewell, Mary Lane Edwards Hartshorn **Row 4:** Betty Mackay Asbury, Beverly Banks Boland, Becky Watson Bowdre, Nadine Cranmer Read, Beth Parker Hunt **Row 5:** Faith Munford Price, Emmie Carlton Johnson, Carolyn Wood Solana, Betty Stanley Butler, Patricia Johnson Childs.



writes author **Jacquelyn "Jackie" Burton Cook '54**, who lives in De Soto GA.

In November '08, **Natholyn "Nan" Miller Freeman '54** and her husband traveled by paddle boat up the Mississippi River on a seven day historic tour. "We visited many plantations that were invaded by the North during the Civil War. Most interesting was Longwood, a mid-century Oriental style and considered the grandest octagonal house in America," writes Nan from Sparta, GA.

**Ruth White Fruit '54** of Tucker, GA, enjoyed celebrating with classmates and family members during Alumnae Weekend. Three of her relatives also had reunions, including her nieces, **Betty Hood Lydick '69**, **Debbie Long Hood '89** and great-niece, **Stephanie Hood '08**.

"My husband and I had a wonderful trip to Portugal in spring ('08). We got lost a few times (we drove ourselves) but managed to get back with a few U-turns along the way. We stayed in some posadas (inns) which were fantastic. Hope to see everyone one of these years," says **Leah Wallat Odden '54** of Largo, FL.

**Betty Moss Swygert '54** of Alexandria, VA, writes, "I missed reunion since we planned to go to Europe last year. We were on a river (Elbe) cruise with some U.S.M.A. graduates from my husband, Don's, college. I was thinking of all of you and advise you not to forget the Conservatory!"

"In April 2008, Class of '57 members **Nancy Howard**, **Nan McClellan Flowers**, **Peggy "Preacher" Miller Nelson**, **Jean Middlebrooks Morris** and I attended Alumnae Weekend and had a wonderful time. It's always fun to see our '57 classmates. Via phone and email I've heard from many

others," reports **Julie Adams Hawk '57** from Flowery Branch, GA. This year Julie was on campus again during reunion to attend the tribute to the late Norman McLean, professor emeritus of music at Wesleyan. Julie was the first music education major student to study with him for four years

**Sandra Deisch Ringdahl '57** of Williston, FL, sends love to all "Tri-Ks." She is enjoying "life" in north central Florida, where she spends time with grandchildren, church ministries, and gardening.

"I'm still smiling over the wonderful time I had at my 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in April ('08). It had been very many years since I returned to Wesleyan but I felt so welcomed! In September, my sister, Terrell, and I traveled to Maine to visit the town and home where we lived as children. This was our first time back together in about 60 years! - A beautiful, rewarding trip," according to **Nancy Cook Hollingsworth '58** from Round Rock, TX.

**Julia Stillwell Ketcham '58** of Syracuse, NY, is now a grandmother to twins, born in August 2008 in N.Y. Isabella and Maxx spent considerable time in the hospital at first but are doing fine now. Daughter Laura Lee and Tom Yohanen are the parents.

**Medra Lott Keyser '58** of Fernandina Beach, FL, loved being grandmother of the groom when the first of her seven grandchildren to marry, Jacob Arnold, wed Megan Rosenlund in Park City, Utah, on October 11, 2008. Medra's daughter, **Laura Wallace Arnold '79**, is Jacob's mother. Medra's other children are Cynthia Wallace Chandlee and Rick Wallace.

**Sue Davis Reynolds '58** had a solo show of her abstract art in December at her Honolulu Gallery, South Street Gallery on Oahu. The New Smyrna

Beach, FL, resident says she enjoyed a week in paradise!

**Senator Nancy Smith Schaefer '58** of Clarksville, GA, was invited to speak on the corruption in Child Protective Services at the 2008 Eagle Forum Conference in Washington, D.C. in September '08. Senator Schaefer addressed Eagle Forum leadership, members, and guests from across the nation. She spoke to the financial and moral corruption of the CPS Agency and offered solutions for the problems in the system.

## 1959 (50th Reunion)

During a weekend filled with "golden moments," members of the Class of 1959 celebrated 50 years of sisterhood. The newest "Golden Belles" were treated to special plans made by Reunion Co-Chairs, **Lee Brenaman Holmes** and **Jane Powers Weldon** that included two class parties hosted by **Carolyn Wade Barry**. Golden Hearts made the most of being together again on this landmark Wesleyan once-in-a-lifetime occasion, and spent lots of time reminiscing and "catching up." **Rev. Bill Powell** gave the weekend's opening invocation at the Golden Belle Luncheon. **Lee Holmes** and **Jane Weldon** also served as Grand Marshals for the Class of '59 who led the Parade of Classes, while Class President **Manita Bond Dean** proudly carried the '59 flag. Class Liaison and E-Rep **Cay Murphree Hartley** kept classmates connected through e-news, while **Carol King Pope** and **Marie Butler Neel** phoned news of the reunion to GHs. Morning Watch Chair **Mary Terrell Mitchell** provided a meaningful ending to festivities at Sunday morning's worship and thanksgiving service with musical accompaniment by **Lee Holmes**, adding yet another memory to the 50th homecoming.

**Ann Lee Alley Earnshaw '59** of Orlando, FL, welcomed a new granddaughter, Ellie Earnshaw, on November 26, 2008. Sadly on November 27, her mother, Dorothy Alley, (who lacked 20 days until her 96th birthday) passed away. (See *Sympathy*.)

"I'm sorry to miss our 50th reunion but I look forward to hearing all about it," says **Carmella "Chris" Christopher Kelsey '59**. "Retirement is great in Clemmons, NC! I stay busy with volunteer work, friends, and family. Four wonderful grandchildren brighten my world (as do their parents)!"

Maconite **Mary Terrell Mitchell '59** is proud of Wesleyan's beautiful campus and the two attractive benches outside Porter Auditorium that were placed there by her garden club - Rivoli Garden Club, the second oldest club in Macon. A member for 46 years, Mary says the club chose this site as a place to honor charter members of the club who were founding residents of the Rivoli neighborhood. Some of the women with close ties to Wesleyan are Mrs. Reginald Trice, Mrs. W.D. Akers, Mrs. Elliott Dunwoody Jr., Mrs. Kenneth Dunwoody Sr., Mrs. John Dennis, Sr., Mrs. G. W. Gignilliat, Mrs. Robert McCommon, Sr. and Mrs. Alfred Sams. Mary also has some WESLEYAN FIRSTS. She organized the *first* all girl band at Miller Jr. and Sr. High School in 1960, and was the second female band director in the Bibb County Schools but the *first* to receive superior ratings at the spring band festival. Mary was also the *first* Wesleyan graduate to major in a musical instrument (French horn) other than piano or organ. And, she was the *first* Wesleyan student to play with the Macon/Wesleyan Symphony.

Macon artist **Carol King Pope '59** says her life continues to be filled with producing colorful paintings. "I spent last summer preparing for a solo show





## Class of 1954 (55th reunion)

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"Nan" Miller Freeman; Athelyn Wade Buttrill; Jeannine Hinson Smith; Marcia Mallet Ades

Row 4: Ruth White Fruit; Ann Parsons Odum; Nell Warren Hicks; Natalie Brewton Barfield.

of my work at Ocmulgee Art Gallery. The highlight of the fall was my trip to Italy, sponsored by the Wesleyan Alumnae Association. The Smithsonian tour featured the art masterpieces of Rome, Florence, and Tuscan villages. There I gleaned material for the Italian paintings I completed during the winter. This spring I participated in a number of art exhibits and festivals. I enjoy working in my home studio, as well as at our house in the North Georgia mountains. Mickey and I continue to be active at Mulberry UMC, where he teaches Sunday School. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in April. The real celebration was in June when our two sons, their wives, and our four grandchildren were here in Macon."

According to **Mary Parrish Sanders '59** of Warner Robins, GA, "the last 10 years of retirement (after 31 years teaching middle school) has been grand. All four grandchildren are within an hour's drive and closer. Billy and I are always anticipating the next visit! We are thankful every day for excellent health and 'severe' happiness."

**Dr. Anne Ricketson Zahlan '59** has recently retired from Eastern Illinois University. She and her husband, David, have moved to Charlotte, NC, to be near their beautiful granddaughters, Iman and Soraya Lahbabi.

## 1960s

**Tena Roberts '60**, **Gloria Boyette '60**, **Betsy Palmer Smith '60**, and **Martha Bell Lewis '60** joined **Kay Carroll Barnes '60** at her home in Woodbury, GA, during the Christmas holidays for their annual "gathering of Green Knights." Kay writes, "We had a great time together. This is the fifth year we have celebrated!"

**Maryann Bass Chapman '60** has as associate pastor of Northside

UMC in Atlanta. Her husband, Jim, is still CEO of Chapman Coyle Chapman, Architects. They enjoy having two new grandchildren - Jim and Katherine Chapman have Martha Mundy "Mimi" Chapman (2) and James Bass Chapman II "J.B." (6 months).

**Patricia "Patty" Shriver Mancuso '60** celebrated her 70th birthday in style with a Houseparty in Littleton, CO, that included Class of '60 freshman **Karen Widdowson (Hunt)**, **Betsy Bishop (Shipley)**, **Richie Stiles (Whitaker)**, **Winifred "Winkie Nesbitt (Game)** and **Mary Amerson Willingham (Burt)**. Their unofficial Houseparty portrait included a fun photo of the "girls" wearing hats with a cut line that read, "Goofing off in our hats - feeling 18 instead of 70!"

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association would like to thank **Guilia LaCagnina Saucier '60** of Hattiesburg, MS, for donating a copy of her book, *Missed Generation*, to Wesleyan in remembrance of Miss Munck's dedicated teaching.

**Mary Ann Hawkins Collins '61** lives in Roswell, GA, and would love to hear from her Wesleyan classmates in the area. "Just email stonemom@gmail.com. Hope to hear from you."

**Janice McCord Doe '61** of Alexandria, VA, writes about the wonderful Mediterranean cruise that she and husband Frank took during August '08. She said that their favorite and most impressive port was Monte Carlo, but they also enjoyed ports in Italy, Spain, northern Africa and Sicily.

RE/MAX Atlanta announced its first class of "Ultimate Agents" and **Jean Cain Gaddis '61** of Norcross, GA, is among its members. As a member of this group of established real estate agents who completed intense coursework designed to propel high-earners to a new level, Jean and others will benefit

from their new experience and status. Her company, Gaddis Partners, is a top 20 RE/MAX in GA.

"Werner and I vacationed in Alaska via land and sea last summer," reports **Andrea Morris Gruhl '61** from Columbia, MD. "I stay busy with the United Nation Association of the National Capital Area (VP and Secretary) and also with local, state, and regional League of Women Voters. I coordinate quarterly meetings of seniors in my Lutheran Church and nearby Episcopal Church. I am also active in three chamber music societies."

In Fall 2008, **Dr. Sheila Leto Scott '61** of DeFuniak Springs, FL, served as a volunteer for Children's Disaster Service (a ministry of Church of the Brethren) at shelters for Hurricane Gustav in Alexandria, LA, and Hurricane Ike in Houston and Galveston, TX. She writes, "We set up special areas in the shelters where children can be children - playing and doing art, etc. This respite also helped stressed parents."

**Nancy Bowden Wiley '61** of Dunwoody, GA, writes that she and her friend took a whirlwind trip to Pigeon Forge, TN, in December. "We saw five shows in three days! We stayed at The Inn at Christmas Place, where the decorations were fantastic. Very enjoyable experience!"

**Ellen Weldon Dukes '62** of Austell, GA, is a longtime member of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus. In May 2008 she enjoyed a chorus trip to Berlin, where the chorus sang the *Requiem* by Berlioz with the Berlin Philharmonic. It was the second invitation; the chorus previously having sung with the Philharmonic in 2003.

**Charlotte Jolly Hale '62** recently left the mountains and moved to the suburbs of Marietta, GA, to be near her only grandchild, Declan Clifford Hale. She writes, "I get to keep him two happy

days a week! I have also joined Sandy Springs Christian Church and am enjoying retirement and volunteering."

"My husband Jack and I enjoy hosting guests at our tea room called SereniTea. We serve by reservations only. After the article 'A Taste for Tea' was published in the May '08 issue of *Guideposts*, we have had many guests from other areas visit us for high tea and afternoon tea - some have been Wesleyannes!" reports **Dottie Rhoden Hicks '62** from Cobbtown, GA.

**Rhoda Morrison Joyner '62** of Decatur, GA, pays tribute to two special Wesleyannes, **Peggy McKinney Youngblood '61** and **Joyce Paris '54**. "Peggy and I grew up in Decatur and she convinced me to choose Wesleyan as my college. Joyce celebrated her 55th reunion this year and received an alumnae award. I was fortunate enough to serve under Joyce's leadership when she was principal at Glennwood School in City Schools of Decatur, GA. She is absolutely an outstanding educator and made my years teaching at Glennwood a joy. I am so pleased she was honored," writes Rhoda.

Reporting from Littleton, CO, **Marybelle Proctor Menzel '62** writes, "In November 2008, along with several 'sister' Wesleyan alumnae from several classes, I enjoyed a fun-filled tour of Central Italy sponsored by the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association. We experienced Rome, Florence, and a number of beautiful hill towns such as Assisi, Montepulciano, Lucca, Orvieto, and Perugia. This trip was a fabulous adventure combining history, art, and great food!"

**Zack and Beth Wilson Arnold '63** enjoy retirement living in Lilburn, GA. "After working as an elementary school media specialist, I now have time to return to the visual arts and to painting. I also have more time for our two



## Class of 1959 (50th reunion)

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daughters, and two grandsons – (3 and 1/2 yrs, and 7 months.) In addition, we stay involved in church activities and missions. Becky's daughter lives in San Diego and has two beautiful daughters.

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association would like to thank **Virginia Barber Perkins '63** of Tallahassee, FL, for serving as an alumna trustee on the Board of Managers for the past three years.

**Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer '63** of Cataldo, ID, is a grandmother, again! Ryan Thomas Pfeiffer was born on February 20, 2009, to Lynda's son, Tom, and his wife, Kelly. Baby Ryan joins big sister Katie.

## ▲ 1964 (45th Reunion)

The Great Green Knights enjoyed a fabulous 45th planned by Class President **Elizabeth "Sissy" Sims** and her Reunion Co-Chair and Loyalty Fund Chair, **Carol "Moon" Burt**, who set the stage for the 45th gathering of the "Greats," along with Class Liaison **Mary Helen Hall Ringe** and Committee Members **Janice Rich Rentz** and **Barbara Abercrombie**. The Baymont Inn served as class party headquarters, where GKs had time to catch up on 45+ years of "life after Wesleyan." E-Rep **Moon Burt** kept classmates connected all year long and classmates responded by cheering her on at the annual meeting when she received a 2009 Alumnae Award.

"I enjoyed our 45th reunion. I have not missed one since we graduated and this was the best one yet. I am still teaching piano and subbing a little in the school system. My biggest joy is playing with my 19 month-old grandson," reports **Glenda Barrett Bull '64** from Augusta, GA.

"The Class of 1964 had a Great Green Knight time at our 45th reunion.

One of our highlights was seeing **Paula McWhorter Judd** after 47 years. Paula's been busy since the reunion locating our 'lost classmates.' **Sandra McElroy Preston** and **Dottie Groh Cutler** attended in spite of health problems. We showered them with Green Knight healing love. There were 30 of us, and we feasted on champagne and moonpies and missed those who couldn't make it," writes **Moon Burt** from St. Simons Island, GA.

**Dottie Groh Cutler '64** and husband Bill celebrated her retirement with a 28-day Mediterranean/Transatlantic cruise in Sept/Oct '08. The highlight of the trip was Ephesus, Turkey. "Walking where the Apostles Paul and John walked, lived, and preached was a touching spiritual experience for both of us. This was our first visit to the Mediterranean. We were surprised and impressed by the beautiful area and friendly people," writes Dottie. She also has a WESLEYAN FIRST, as the first woman and first person to hold the titles of Dean of Technology and Dean of Institutional Technology at Pasco-Hernando Community College (1998-2006). She retired after 28 years in education and is now President and CEO of Business Management Services, which she operates out of her home in San Antonio, FL.

"After coping with breast cancer last year, **Jane Brockinton Earhart '64** of Plantation, FL, took a cruise on the Liberty of the Seas. "We had a ball – met lovely people from Norway and Ireland. Still in touch – Go for it, Wesleyannes! I am thinking and praying for **Sandra McElroy Preston '64** – get well. Thanks to **Moon** for keeping us informed," writes Jane.

Maconites **Dick** and **Mary Russell "Rusty" George '64** returned to their beloved Ecuador in June '09 for the 4th consecutive year.

"My husband, Bennie, and I were greatly pleased to attend the rededication ceremony/recital of the newly restored Goodwyn-Candler-Panoz organ in Porter Auditorium last October," writes **Becky Johnson Ingram '64** from Covington, GA. "The organ we remember has been improved to a sound you cannot imagine. It made me cry. Renowned organist Peter Richard Conte performed, and our organ rang out like a virtuoso! It was a thrill to sit in Porter Auditorium again and hear the organ that so many of my music friends played. And I remember Mr. Osteen composing 'on-site' fugues from nothing more than a dreamed up tune from a student. He would use all four keyboards (manuals) - plus his feet. Memories!"

**Mary Helen Johnson '64** and husband Marvin live in Cumming, GA. They are proud of their seven grandchildren - five girls and two boys (ages 12 – 2). Mary Helen still teaches 1st grade at Wesleyan School in Norcross. When school is out they spend time at the beach with family or travel. Mary Helen enjoyed her 45th reunion!

"I retired after teaching high school English for 20 years. Al and I have six grandchildren. Our three sons are busy in careers that range from the *Wall Street Journal* (Andy) to Action Ministries of the Methodist Church (David) to managing a temporary job agency (Paul). We are RV'ers and travel when we can," writes **Claudia Mills Jordan '64** from Lawrenceville, GA.

"I guess my name should have been Emma Go instead of Emma Jo. Since my retirement from real estate, I seem to be constantly packing and unpacking my suitcases. **Pam Watkins Young '64** and I share joint grandsons – Whit (17) and Thomas (12), who keep me busy when I am stateside," writes **Emma Jo Jones Ploeger '64** from Columbus, GA.

This past Christmas, **Judy Kuhn Schlichter '64**, and all of her five children and their families gathered in Wilmington, NC, to celebrate the 90th birthday of Ralph's mother, and to be with their son (1st Lt.) who was home on R&R from Iraq. (His 15 month deployment ends this summer.) "Congratulations to my classmate **Carol "Moon" Burt '64** on her well deserved honor for supporting Wesleyan and her class."

**Rev. Harriette James Simmons '64** and her husband have moved back to Macon, where she has a new position as Interim Rector at Christ Church.

"My mother (101) graduated with a BS from LaGrange College in 1929, but she always wanted me to go to Wesleyan. I tease her about which is 'THE OLDEST AND BEST' I have no doubt about that!" writes **Sissy Sims '64** from her home in LaGrange, GA.

"The 2007 Wesleyan visit (Leadership Institute) to Portland was a wonderful experience. I had great help from Alumnae Director **Cathy Coxey Snow '71** organizing our get-together. The students were an outstanding representation. My husband was extremely impressed with all the Wesleyan girls. Our conversations were sometimes serious, but I like to remember the laughter and smiles. Thank you, Wesleyan, for giving me this great memory," writes **Peggy Likes Miller '65** from Lake Oswego, OR.

**Sharon Smith Pizzo '65** of Tampa, FL, reminisces about her father. "My father, B.G. Smith, who passed away recently, was a Wesleyan Trustee for more than 15 years and was the first president of the Parent's Club. (See *Sympathy* Fall/Winter 2008 Magazine.)

**Kay Waldrep '65** of Dublin, GA, has written a book of poetry, *A Book of Lite Verse*, published by Eri Eri. Her poems focus on themes of wonderment, people, and also the grief cycle





## Class of 1964 (45th reunion)

(L to R) Row 1: Dottie Groh Cutler, Mary Helen Johnson, Brenda Lee Barclay, Janice Rich Rentz, Harriette James Simmons, Mary Helen Hall Ringe, Loutricia Carter Stephens, Emma Jo Jones Ploeger Row 2: Paula McWhorter Judd, Sally Hutchinson Vermillion, Sissy Sims, Lorinda Lou Beller, Madelaine Mackoul Cosgrove, Carol "Moon" Burt. Row 3: Elizabeth Hartley Filliat, Linda Eaker Hall, Barbara Abercrombie, Peggy Pierce Chandler, Suzanne Gosnell Joye, Susan Lillyman Hyland Row 4: Amy Meyer Orr, Glenda Barrett Bull, Nancy Van Aken Marti, Rosalyn Moya Forsyth, Andrea Moody, Mary Helen Pope Daniel, Mary Russell "Rusty" George, Agnes Albright.

surrounding the death of her seeing eye guide dog, Ruby.

"After years in Yorktown, VA, I remarried and moved to New England where my husband, Phil, and I are affiliated with Historic Deerfield, Inc., in Deerfield, MA. Together, we have four children and two grandsons. Would love to hear from you!" writes **Elizabeth Fuller Zea '65**.

A note from poet **Kathryn "Kay" Stripling Byer '66** says that she and her husband traveled to Hungary for two weeks last October for the European premiere of the "Alma Cantata" (composer Harold Schiffman) based on her book, *Wildwood Flower*. The concert took place in Győr, Hungary. Details on [kathrynstriplingbyer.blogspot.com](http://kathrynstriplingbyer.blogspot.com).

**Jo An Johnson Chewning '66** lives in Lawrenceville, GA, and serves as the Regent of the William Day Chapter NSDAR; the Senior State Secretary of the Georgia Society, Children of the American Revolution; the Registrar of Atlanta Chapter 18, United Daughters of the Confederacy; and is Historian for the Georgia Society SAR Color Guard.

Suitemates **Jo An Johnson Chewning '66**, **Marsha McDonald Godsey '66**, **Mary Towers Weese '66** and **Suzanne Spence Joyce '66** try to get together at least once a year, depending on health and other commitments. Suzanne and "Petal" **Gibbons Montis '66** see each other when Suzanne visits her son and his family - Jack, Cathy, and Liam Turbiville in Savannah. **Barbara Sneden Exum '66** and family met Suzanne and Thom in Carolina Beach, NC, for lunch when the Exums were there for a family wedding," reports Suzanne from Wilmington, NC.

From Corryton, TN, **Cile Adams Mathews '66** shares news of her retirement in December 2008, after serving for 21 years as president and

CEO of The Florence Crittenton Agency, Inc. "I am looking forward to a slower pace, but plan to stay active with my 3 year old granddaughter, Hannah, and volunteer work."

"We are having a great time in our retirement," writes **Charlotte Smith Pfeiffer '66**. She and Pete have moved to Decatur, GA.

Proud grandmother **Jean Gilbert Witcher '66** of Snellville, GA, has a new granddaughter - this makes three!

In Marietta, GA, **Sally Farren Benoy '67** says she has retired "again" to help with her grandson (2), as her son and daughter-in-law relocate to Georgia.

Curt and **Flo Williams Douglas '67** of Milledgeville, GA, welcomed a new granddaughter. Harper Douglas was born February 6, 2009, to their son and his wife, Art and Katie; she joins big sister Emma Kate. Congratulations, Flo, and thank you for serving as Alumnae Weekend chair on the Board of Managers of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association for the past three years.

**Dale J. Harris '67** lives in Jacksonville, FL, and is proud of her new grandmother status. Grandson Zack turned one in February.

In Macon, **Susan Kirvin Ogburn '67** says "life is good." "Chuck and I have six grandchildren - added two more grandsons in 2008 and one in February 2009. We are blessed!"

"My father died October 9, 2008. He and my mother were so pleased with my selection of Wesleyan. They thought Wesleyan was perfect for their daughter and I could not agree more, writes **Kay "Kasey" Carneal Phillips '67** from Opelika, AL. (See *Sympathy*.)

To celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary, Jerry and **Cheryl Grantham Fee '68** of Houston, TX, took a trip to Egypt in April.

"Having retired from the elementary principalship in 2005, I am now teaching full time at Columbus State University in early childhood education. Our two boys are grown and very happily married. We have two grandsons and one granddaughter that we hope will go to Wesleyan someday," reports **Elizabeth "Betty" Smith Hips '68** from Columbus, GA.

**Vicki Page Jaus '68** was promoted to assistant dean of the College of Education at University of North Carolina - Charlotte.

"It's been more than two years since my heart transplant. I'm looking forward to our next reunion. **Barbara Ann Bryant '67** and I talk at least once a week. If anyone gets to Fernandina Beach, please contact me," writes **Laura Byington Ludman '68**.

**Anne Spring '68** lives in Decatur, GA. She has four adult children and three grandchildren. Anne has been a public school teacher for the last ten years. She is also a published poet and is working on her first volume of poetry.

## ▲ 1969 (40th Reunion)

"Go Pirates!" says Class Reunion Chair **Dell Hitchcock Bailey '69** of Dalton, GA, who writes, "The Class of 1969 had a wonderful reunion weekend. My Co-Chair, **Diana Hall Richardson '69**, and I had so much fun planning our Friday night party at the home of **Gena Ware Wilson '69**, and our Saturday night get-together at the LaQuinta Inn. **Nancy Greer '69** served as a great class liaison for our fantastic 40th." On a personal note - I stay busy with our three girls and our two grandsons. Natalie and Dave have Noah, who will be 2 in August '09. Melissa is getting her doctorate in psychology in Chicago. Allison and Brandon's son, Griffin, turned 2 in April ('09).

In 2007 **Alice Pennington Beasley '69** retired (taught high school social studies for 29.4 years). "It was a wonderful career. Since then I have been working part-time for McGraw-Hill in the Glencoe textbook division for the NC western representative. I visit schools, help with presentations, etc. It keeps me involved and yet I have plenty of time to enjoy living on Lake Norman, which is near Charlotte. Boots retired from the Chevrolet business and has gotten his captain's license. He drives a cruise/tour boat on the lake and loves it! Our son lives in Raleigh, works for a Chevrolet dealership, and is not married. Give my love to everyone at reunion!"

**Sharon Malone Boyd '69** lives in Duluth, GA, and teaches voice at the Conservatory of Music at First Redeemer Church in Alpharetta. She has a music ministry for seniors performing at churches and at senior resident facilities. She and Randy travel to Seattle to visit their daughter, Wendy, and grandson Tyler (6).

**Lou Ellen Semler Boyes '69** of Juno Isles, FL, reports, "Opened a new location center in the Health Dept. Traveled in the states this year - kayaked in the San Juan Islands off Seattle and was inspired by a whole pod of Orca whales!"

Charles and **Cathy Mettetal Caskey '69** love to travel. They spent their 40th anniversary in Hawaii—one week on Kauai and ten days on Maui. Cathy has lived in sunny Arizona for ten years and has been teaching for 40 years. "I'm still not ready to retire!"

She retired from teaching in 2000 and her husband took Sr. Judge status last year, so now **Dale Parker Craig '69** and Hal spend time traveling, going to their vacation home on St. Simons Island, and, most importantly, babysitting for grandchildren -



## Class of 1969 (40th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Angela Fulton Kirby, Patricia Pace Fordham, Diana Hall Richardson, Susan Mallory Rylander, Sharon Malone Boyd, Dell Hitchcock Bailey, Emmaline Haddle Pursley, Judy Davis Deloach. **Row 2:** Susan Ewing Maddox, Lou Ellen Semler Boyes, Betsy Dasher, Susan Isaacs Dodson, Dale Parker Craig, Judy Haisten Gattis. **Row 3:** Betty Hood Lydick, Diane Harrison Smith, Sally Kohlbacher Oliver, Cathy Mettetal Caskey, Pat Ondo Snyder, Dawn Taylor Clonts. **Row 4:** Linda Hiller LeSueur, Gloria Garrett Seymour, Barbara Jo Bugg, Susan Rogers Mills, Ann Reaves Burr, Nancy Greer. **Row 5:** Elizabeth T. Sorrells, Linda Smith Gregg, Karen Garr, Linda Lee Rich, Gena Ware Wilson, Lane Carr Johnson, Ann Kinnick Keane.



MaryClaire Lee (6) and Graham Lee (22 months).

**Patti Pace Fordham '69** has been teaching Pre K-4 at Dooly County Elementary School in Pinehurst, GA, for 11 years. She still dances and teaches dance after school. Patti has been the drummer for her church praise team for seven years. Her husband teaches JROTC, her daughter teaches Pre K-3, and her son is a classical guitarist, who completed an info tech degree in May.

**Nancy Greer '69** enjoyed emailing as many Pirates as she could in preparation for the 40th reunion. She enjoyed seeing everyone. Did she really drive her very own PIR8SHP to Macon from Alexandria, VA?

"It was a treat to see everyone!" writes **Linda Hiller LeSueur '69** of Marietta, GA. "It always amazes me how we pick right up where we left off years ago! Thank you Dell, Diana, Nancy, and Gena for a great weekend. On a personal note - I became a first time grandmother in December '08. Madeline Grace (daughter of our second son, Will, and Tracy) has brought us so much joy." Linda has served as director of Marietta's First United Methodist Weekday Ministry for the past 18 years. She is a board member of the North Georgia Methodist Conference Preschool Association.

**Linda Harper Mattern '69** and her husband have lived in Greenville, SC, for 35 years. She works as a music therapist at a local hospital. "We're looking forward to retirement in the next few years."

**Diana Hall Richardson '69** was thrilled to see so many classmates return for reunion. She writes, "My Co-Chair, **Dell Hitchcock Bailey '69**, and I appreciate the dedication and hard work of **Cathy Coxey Snow '71** and **Flo Williams Douglas '67** and others in making the weekend so wonderful! I

was happy to see my roommate, **Susan Mallory Rylander '67**, as it was our first reunion together since '94! Susan and husband Jon share 12 grandchildren between them and live in Kathleen, GA. Susan is retired from teaching and social work." Diana is also a retired middle school teacher who lives in her hometown of Columbus, GA, with husband Fred. Known as "DiDi" to grandchildren Caroline (5) and John (1), Diana shares her nickname with Dell, who is also called "DeeDee" by her grandsons.

In Atlanta, **Gloria Garrett Seymour '69** is enjoying retirement from AT&T. "Now I am following 'my bliss' - gardening. I work part time at Hillside Hospital, a psychiatric facility for children - in the gardens with kids."

**Dr. Barbara Marble Tagg '69** of Camillus, NY, continues to serve on that national board of Chorus America. She directs the Syracuse University Women's Choir, which performed in New York City with the New York University Women's Choir in April '08. She also presented a premiere of new work by composers Sean Ivory and Paul Caldwell in Orlando, FL, in May '08. Her Syracuse Children's Chorus and the Casatt String Quartet did a premiere of work by internationally recognized composer Libby Larsen in May.

## 1970s

"This has been a special family year for us," writes **Mary Ella Gibson Bernard '70**. "My dad turned 90 last summer, and is in excellent health. He and two family members drove to visit us in Ft. Worth, TX, and I joined them to visit my 92 year old uncle in CO. And, our daughter married Jonathan Turton Dent of Cordele, GA, in December! Greetings to all."

**Jan Drury Cox '70** of Atlanta, along with her husband and friend, **Judy Parker Schuler '70**, vacationed in New York City last October, visiting with Joy, Jan's daughter, who is working as a visual artist in Brooklyn.

Maconite **Margaret Arnold Jackson '70** retired in 2007 from Bibb BOE and is working part-time at Georgia Academy for the Blind. Daughter Meg Beaird and husband Ben live in Dallas, TX, with children Bailey, Jackson, and Dobson. Margaret's son, James, lives in Macon - a SCAD graduate, he does custom furniture and cabinets.

From Tampa, FL, **Linda Ennis Johnson '70** has good news to share. "My son, Brett, is engaged to Shiloh Anderson, niece of **Julie Klay Speer '70**! Julie and I met in Sunday School when we were 5 years old, then were Wesleyan roommates. We are proud to say that we introduced them to each other - nothing better than Wesleyan love connections!"

**Colleen Smith Katsuki '70** of Lincoln, MA, has released a CD of violin and piano music with violinist Frank Graves. Check it out at CD baby.com Just do a search for "Colleen Katsuki."

"Had a wonderful time at our 1968 sister class' 40th reunion, especially with my wonderful friend **Beth Rogero Bowen '68** and my 2nd best roommate ever - **Pat Grogan Borders '70**! Can't wait til our 40th reunion in 2010! We welcomed our 6th grandchild in January, which made four girls and two boys. Everyday is a blessing to my husband and me," reports **BJ Molpus Posey '70** from Prairieville, LA.

In May 2008, **Jane Thompson '70** met **Lynn Lamberton Long '70**, **Debbie Giugni McMillan '70**, **Arlyn Mathis Hawley '70**, and **Kit King Gehring '70** at Pawley's Island for several days of

fun, sun, and food. **Lynn, Jane, Debbie, Arlyn, and Cassie Poulos '70** headed to Buenos Aires in January to celebrate Lynn's birthday.

**Patti Voyles '70** of Valencia, CA, retired from Lockheed after 35 years at the end of 2008. She writes, "For the time I have lots to do on my home. I still make quilts and I am looking forward to doing more obedience and rally work with my Keeshund, Angel."

**Susan Woodward Walker '70** and husband Otey of Franklin, TN, are proud of their new granddaughter, Olivia Munroe Walker, who arrived on November 4, 2008. Susan says, "She is beautiful! - blonde and fair-skinned. We are all enjoying getting to know her." Congratulations to Susan on being elected to serve as the new President of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association and for serving as President-Elect for the past three years.

Maconites **Pat Hammock Wall '70** and Joe are grandparents - again. Son Joe Jr. and wife Sally Anne, who live in Charlotte, NC, welcomed Anne Yates Wall, on December 11, 2008. Big sister Kate and big brother Haywood are very excited, too!

**Lynn Bensel Jones '71** and husband Rob spend their time between two homes - one in Florida and one in Maine. This past fall they spent three weeks in Japan, where Lynn took classes at Ikebana Ikenobo Headquarters, which is the oldest school of flower arranging in Japan. According to Lynn, "Japan is an incredibly beautiful country with very welcoming people."

**Gloria Turner Lockridge '71** loves living on beautiful Lake Weiss in Cedar Bluff, AL. She retired there in 2005 but didn't stay retired long! She opened a music school, Parkside Music School, and a gift/antique business, Anne's Attic. "**Martha McClure Nix '71** and





## Class of 1974 (35th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Debbie Doyle Edenfield, Martha V. Johnson, Marian Elliott Lewis, Connie Crauswell Kempf, Penny Thomas **Row 2:** Licia Drinnon Jackson, Sandra Duke Sallee, Sharon Bloss Jones, Hazel Burns Struby, Beverly Hinely MacMahon **Row 3:** Elizabeth Bridge Risch, Susan Powers Champion.

**Betty Chih Huang '71** were here for the ground breaking," writes Gloria.

"I just celebrated my 25th anniversary as an organist to St. Paul Lutheran Church here in North Tonawanda, NY. My son, Mark, is a mechanical engineer and my daughter, Vicki, will attend law school. I still teach piano lessons and have been using books by **Dr. Jane Magrath '72**," writes **Marlina Kawira Belstadt '72**.

She's still in Jasper, TN, and still having fun with Zack, says **Elizabeth Rogers Kelly '72**. "Loved seeing **Becky Jones Brock '72** and **MC Collins O'Kelley '72** (and MC's adorable mother) last summer.

"My husband, Dr. Cameron Shropshire, has retired," writes **Susan Moses Shropshire, MD '72** of Fort Worth, TX. "I have begun a wonderful and exciting new practice in Aesthetic Medicine. Our oldest son, Mac, who is a senior in the business honors program at University of Texas, spent a semester in Sydney, Australia. Our youngest son, Grady, started college at TCU last fall."

**Janie Shirah Stump '72** of Fort Valley, GA, shares news of her children. "Our 2<sup>nd</sup> twin, David, got married in March in Valdosta. Our 1<sup>st</sup> twin, Jason, and his wife, Jennifer, are expecting our 2<sup>nd</sup> grandchild in June. Our daughter, Suzanna, graduated from GA Southern in May '08 and is a nurse in Charleston, SC. I'm teaching gifted K-5 in Peach County."

Last November, **Lynn Ellis Rousseau '73** of Gainesville, FL, won first place in the 2008 Oticon Focus on People Awards. Lynn won the Advocacy category for involvement in advocacy for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community. Lynn was one of only 15 people honored at the Awards Ceremony in Denver, CO. Created by Oticon, Inc. in 1997, the awards program is designed to call attention to common misconceptions about hearing

loss, correct negative stereotypes, and motivate people with hearing loss to take advantage of the help that is available to them.

At University of Cincinnati Medical School, the Director of Continuing Medical Education **Susan Paul Tyler '73** recently achieved the designation "CCMEPP" (Certified Continuing Medical Education Professional) through experience and examination. Susan changed jobs in 2008, and since then she and her husband have purchased a new home in Florence, KY, just across the Ohio River from Cincinnati, and are getting to know their new state.

## ▲ 1974 (35th Reunion)

Coming "home" to walk on the Wesleyan side of life after 35 years, the PKs of 1974 agreed that the world is still perfectly purple. Reunion Chair **Licia Drinnon Jackson** coordinated plans for a terrific 35<sup>th</sup>, while class party hostess **Hazel Burns Struby** put out the welcome mat at her home for a Saturday night gab-fest that focused on career moves, grandchildren, retirement plans, and past perfectly purple days at the College. **Rebecca Watson Dempsey** served as class liaison.

"I'm still alive and laughing!" writes **Susan Powers Champion '74** from Kings Mountain, NC, who retired last January after 31 plus years with the Social Security Administration - the last 15 as district manager for two counties. She and Jim have been married for 12 years. Her daughter, Blair Daves, married Justin two years ago and works as a CPA in Raleigh. Susan is chair of the board of trustees at Central United Methodist Church, sings in the choir, and is a member of numerous church committees. She also serves on the board of directors of Kings Mountain

Little Theatre, Inc. and is a member of the Cleveland Choral Society, and Thursday Afternoon Book Club, the oldest social club in the county.

Albany, GA, resident **Maelu Darsey Culpepper '74** was sorry to miss reunion but hopes to see all the weekend photos online. She has worked as a school psychologist for the past 30 years, and plans to retire in three years when her youngest son, Ben, graduates from Pharmacy School at USC. Her oldest son, Adam, and his wife, Kristin, also live in Albany, and are the parents of Maelu's 9 month old grandson. Daughter Darsey is a Furman grad and art director for an ad firm in Greenville. Her husband, Lew, owns a Maggie Moo's Ice Cream shop.

**Deborah "Debbie" Doyle Edenfield '74** lives in Darien, GA. In November '06 she retired from the State of Georgia after 30 years with the Department of Family and Children's Services. In January '08 her father, Luther W. Doyle, passed away. He was a retired Navy pilot and teacher. (See *Sympathy*.)

**Judy Hoffman '74** of St. Petersburg, FL, was unable to attend reunion due to the death of her mother three weeks before reunion. "I'm still kind of catching my breath at work and plan to take time off and get away. I'll be thinking of everyone - please sing a chorus of 'Hail, Wesleyan' at the annual meeting for me. Hopefully, I'll see everyone in five years," emails Judy. (See *Sympathy*.)

"My youngest will graduate from high school. The other three children are college graduates, homeowners, and dogowners. Oldest son Grant is married with two daughters. Daughter Hilary married in 2008. Husband C. Grant Jackson left the newspaper business and is senior vice president for community development at the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce. I enjoy repairing homes on St. Helena Island,

SC, through Salkehatchie Summer Service of the United Methodist Church. I still work in the newspaper business and am dealing with the turmoil in our industry. The '08 presidential campaign was one of the best times I've had as a journalist," says **Licia Drinnon Jackson '74** of Columbia, SC.

"Chet and I become first-time grandparents on September 30, 2008," writes **Gwen Ingram Kedzierski '74** of Bradenton, FL. "Our son Jeff and his wife, Trina, had a baby girl, Bella Katorina Kedzierski. Baby and parents are doing well. Grandparents are thrilled, as is our daughter, Aunt Jenna."

**Dr. Connie Crauswell Kempf '74** lives in Vestavia Hills, AL, where she has worked at the Jefferson County Health Department since 1998. A graduate of UAB Medical School, Connie was in private practice from 1981-1998. In 2000 she received the Student Choice Award as Best Family Practice Teacher for Medical Students. She has two children - Marie is majoring in journalism and David Michael is getting his commercial pilot's license. In addition to serving on missionary trips, Connie also enjoys photography, scrapbooking, and genealogy. "Wesleyan gave me the courage and confidence to know I could persevere through the hard times and medical training, and to open a private practice," says Connie.

**Beverly Hinely MacMahon '74** and husband Mark are enjoying retirement. "We cruise on our 34 ft. American Tug trawler between our home in Punta Gorda, FL, and our summer home on the Chesapeake Bay in Virginia." A retired school psychologist, Beverly received her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland in 1988.

Mother of the bride **Gail Dixon Mann '74** of Graceville, FL, writes that daughter Marlene married Jonathan Cox on August 16, 2008, in Reid Chapel,



## Class of 1979 (30th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Jackie Webb Bullard, Teresa Dale Morrow, Theresa McKenna, Natalie Anderson Rauch, Kay Appling King **Row 2:** Robbie Edge Stancil, Jeline Knighton, LuAlice Waite, Sarah Johnston Miller, Nadine Cheek Whitney **Row 3:** Margaret Dilbeck Garland, Sally Anderson Hemingway, Catherine Haye Sauter, Linda Stewart Scott **Row 4:** Amy Miller Braun, Judy Sanders Hughes, Carol Colston McMahon **Row 5:** Cindy Mercer Riley, Rebecca Tuten McLain, Anita Marchman **Row 6:** Carol Freeman Ake, Katherine Breland Bradley, Denise Sarver Jewell, Sherrie Shellard O'Hara, Lynne Anthonie Hueglin.



Samford University, Birmingham, AL. Both are graduates. Marlene is a CPA with the public accounting firm of Barfield, Murphy, Shank and Smith. Jonathan works for Aerotek, a national recruiting company.

**Elizabeth "Betty" Bridge Risch '74** lives in Sacramento, CA, where she stays busy as owner of Munchies Candy Store in Old Sacramento. She is also a former board member of the Alta, CA, Regional Center.

"It was great to hear from 'Becca' and Licia! Since I got started on my family a bit late, high school graduation activities are interfering with my attending the reunion. Best to everyone," says **Debra Stockton '74** of Marietta, GA.

"Wesleyan gave me the start and background for my 30+ years of education," says **Dr. Hazel Burns Struby '74** of Gray, GA, who is enjoying her new job as VP for Academic Affairs at Flint River Technical College. A former dean of instruction at Central Georgia Technical College in Macon for many years, Hazel has been recognized as Technical Instructor of the Year, and received the Outstanding Technical Instructor Alumni Award from Central GA Tech in 2003. In 2001, she was the national NTEA runner-up for Technical Instructor of the Year and was chosen as one of only two instructors in the nation to present their "Reflection and Vision" paper for Nova Southeastern University. She and Neil live in Jones County and have two children, Neil Jr. and Hazel Caldwell, and three grandchildren.

**Penny Thomas '74** made a big move this year - from Florida back to Georgia, where she teaches elementary music in Newnan. Penny says she looks forward to meeting other alumnae in the area. A national board certified teacher in early/middle child music since 2005, Penny received her master's degree in music history and literature

from Georgia State University in 1979, and her Ph.D. in musicology from the University of Florida in 1991. Her father, Lamar Thomas, a big fan of Wesleyan College, passed away after a long illness in 2006. Her mother was in the hospital this past February but is recovering nicely.

**Carol Goodloe '75** of Arlington, VA, writes, "On December 13, 2008, I became a grandmother to Brandon Walker Kennedy. Beware - this could happen to you!"

"Our family has good news to share," says **Sally Moffett McKenna '75** of Atlanta. **Erin Zinko McKenna '04** missed her five year reunion in April because she just gave birth (April 9, 2009) to Pat's and my first grandchild - a son, Liam David McKenna. Erin married our younger son, Will. (See *Births*.)

**Betsy Wakeford Thompson '75** continues to teach 1st graders at the Kinkaid School in Houston, TX.

Last fall, the work of **Lindy Blasingame Burnett '76** of Madison, GA, was featured in an art exhibit at Wesleyan. An award-winning professional artist, Lindy has illustrated several children's books and advertising campaigns for many multinational corporations. Lindy works as Wesleyan's instructor of illustration.

"Sorry - I am still resisting the siren call of Facebook! My husband and I enjoyed two weeks in Hawaii this past winter. Now I am back to my life as a medical technologist and as the mother of a theater major - heading to University of New Hampshire to see my daughter in *Fame* - then *Curtains* in the fall," reports **Patti Henry '76** of Wellesley, MA.

"Music majors (GK '76) please contact me at janice.holbrook@hotmail.com. It's time for a music major reunion that is long overdue!" writes **Janice Cromer Holbrook '76** from Lexington, SC.

**Cynthia McMullen '76** of Richmond, VA, writes, "I'm coming full circle, career wise. I started out doing public relations for Wesleyan, and I'm doing public relations for Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Pharmacy. Last summer was rough; my father died June 29, the day before I started my new job. He was so fond of Wesleyan and many of my friends there. My mother, who just turned 80, is doing remarkably well -- taking piano lessons, teaching Sunday School, learning e-mail, and enjoying the grandkids." (See *Sympathy*.)

**Mary Knight Robinson '76** lives in Bainbridge, GA, and works full time as a bookkeeper in a CPA firm. She is very active in church ministries and is an officer on the local arts council. Her son, Talmadge, is mainly headquartered in CT. Her daughter, Laura, is married and lives in Sacramento, CA, and her husband, Don, has a busy gynecology practice.

A portion of **Kathy A. Bradley's '78** StoryCorps interview of her father, Johnny Bradley, was broadcast on National Public Radio's Morning Edition on May 1, 2009. StoryCorps is an independent non-profit organization and its interviews are produced in conjunction with the Library of Congress where all StoryCorps interviews are archived. Kathy and her father both live in Register, GA.

My husband, David, was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer in May ('08). So far chemo has not been successful. His quality of life is still pretty good but he has lost his beautiful singing voice. He still enjoys going to the theatre and out to dinner with friends," reports **Wendy Coffman Cook '78** from Lilburn, GA.

News about Wesleyan's newly restored organ and its dedication ceremony last fall hit the Atlanta circuit

in a big way thanks to **Cathy Bradach Rockoff '78** of Woodstock, GA, who emailed all the music teachers in Fulton County (Atlanta) about the event!

"I am now retired from having taught in the Bibb Co. public school system and am living with my husband, Paul, in the beautiful mountains of North GA - in Big Canoe. We have two beautiful grandsons, Jonas (3) and our newest, Nigel Henry Senkbeil, who arrived in February '09," writes **Janice Pyron Senkbeil '78**.

## 1979 (30th Reunion)

Reunion Chair **Katherine Breland Bradley** and Co-Chair **Jackie Webb Bullard** encouraged classmates to return to the I-don't-believe-its-our-30th-reunion festivities at Wesleyan - and, they did! Celebrating 30 years of GH sisterhood, classmates reminisced over a catered dinner, where memories were on the menu. **Teresa Morrow** served as class liaison.

**Dr. Katherine Breland Bradley '79** has a WESLEYAN FIRST. She is the first person to receive a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Mercer. Katherine received her Ph.D. in May 2009. Her dissertation was on single-sex education in public elementary schools. A former teacher/coach, Katherine lives in Statesboro, GA, where she works as an assistant principal/athletic director.

**Amy Miller Braun '79** earned an M.A. in English at UNC Chapel Hill and now lives in Mathews, NC, where she works as a compensation analyst at UNC-Charlotte. "My oldest is at East Carolina University; we have a senior (wrestler) and a freshman (soccer/band) in high school. I was privileged to be recognized as an Employee of the Year in 2006 - quite an accomplishment for an HR consultant," writes Amy.





## Class of 1984 (25th reunion)

(L to R) Row 1: Robyn Clifton White, Patricia Sterling Brzezinski, Ava Arnold Wyatt

Row 2: Loretta Pinkston, Kim Brown Frank, Mary Shippen Atkisson

Mike and Lynn Anthoine Hueglin '79 will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary this year. Daughter Wendy graduated from National College and also married in May. Son Bill completed his second year as director of bands at Agawan High School in MA. Lynn works as a compliance support specialist for Allstate Insurance. She enjoyed seeing all of her GH friends at reunion.

"Chuck and I recently moved to the DC area. Our girls are out on their own now. Our youngest, Carl, is a sophomore majoring in kinesiology at UMass-Amherst," reports Denise Sarver Jewell '79, of Columbia, MD.

David and Kay Applling King '79 just celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary! They have three boys: Hunter (21), a junior at Mercer studying environmental engineering; Cody (19), a sophomore majoring in chemistry at Macon State; and Shane (9), a 4th grader at TG Scott. Kay says she sold her freeze dry business to begin a new business with Zoegetics Nutraceuticals.

A resident of Clarkston, GA, Jeline Knighton '79 has her M.B.A. degree and is currently a financial analyst in the radiology department at Emory Clinic.

"It's always fun to come back to reunion and see everybody," says Anita Marchman '79, from Chamblee, GA. "Since our last reunion I've been to Mexico, Florida, Oklahoma, and Canada, on mission trips with youth groups from my church." Anita has worked in the lab at Northside Hospital in Atlanta for nearly 26 years as a medical technologist.

"We now have a cabin in the Tennessee mountains to escape the heat and hurricanes," writes Carol Colston McMahon '79, who calls Stuart, FL, home. "I teach social studies

and Spanish at my county's discipline school. Both kids are grown. My son and his wife have two children - so I'm a grandmother, and it's wonderful!" says Carol.

Natalie Anderson Rauch '79 recently moved to the DC area, where her husband serves as an Army chaplain at Arlington Cemetery. Homeschooling her daughter, Bonnie (16), also keeps her busy.

From Fairfax Station, VA, Linda Stewart Scott '79 reports, "We are still an active duty Army family living in the Washington, DC, area. My husband, Art, and I will celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary in August. Daughter Valerie (26) is married and lives in Pennsylvania. Andrew is 23 and lives in San Antonio. I've 'retired' from teaching and trying to decide what I want to do when I grow up. I've enjoyed traveling around the US and abroad with my husband."

## 1980s

"Is anyone interested in starting a NH alumnae club?" asks Valerie Cowart '80, who lives in Nashua, NH.

Macon resident Sara Griffin Perkins Landry '80 announces the birth of two great grandsons. Benjamin Mason Perkins, Jr. arrived on February 18, 2009. His parents are Ben and Sally Perkins of Savannah, GA. Thomas Griffin Perkins, Jr. was born on March 20, 2009, to Tommy and Jamie Perkins in Austin, TX.

Kelly Russell '80 transferred with the Forest Service to the Klamath National Forest in northern CA, in Yreka. She is looking forward to a "low humidity summer."

Maconite Elizabeth Reed Puckett '81 enjoyed a recent trip to Disney World with her family. Professionally she stays certified through Macon State College

to teach Middle Grades Education. She substitutes for some Bibb County schools, Stratford Academy, and also teaches at Mercer University in their "College for Kids" program in the summer.

Rhonda Helton Hambright '82 has recently returned to the field of church music. She is director of music at St. Simons Presbyterian Church and serves as the artistic director of the Island Concert Association. In addition, she continues to conduct the Coastal Symphony of Georgia Chorale, where she serves as principal violist. She also teaches private voice lessons and takes care of her family - husband Harlan and sons Hank (21), Joe (20), and Ben (15). Hank attends Warren Wilson College in NC, Joe is at LSU - Geaux Tigers, and Ben is a sophomore at Glynn Academy. Rhonda thinks of her classmates often.

In April, Wesleyan College's own Ellen Futral Hanson '83, assistant professor of music (voice), appeared as the Mother Abbess in Macon Little Theatre's production of *The Sound of Music*.

## ▲ 1984 (25th Reunion)

Reunion Chair Patricia Sterling Brzezinski and Co-Chair Jo Duke coordinated plans for a memorable 25th anniversary that included two class parties. Memories and more were shared at The Grey Goose on Friday, while Saturday's festivities took place at the home of Kim Brown Frank. Jeanon Moore Massien served as class liaison.

Jo Duke '84 has returned to performing professionally after a 19 year hiatus. She now resides in Los Angeles and has been seen - briefly - on *House*, *Gray's Anatomy*, *Boston Legal*, and several feature films, most recently as a nun in Ron Howard's *Angels and Demons*, released in May. I enjoyed reunion," writes Jo. "Hoddy Toddy!"

Amanda Jacobs '84 of Rochester, NY, co-authored a new Broadway-aimed musical, *Pride & Prejudice, A Musical Play* - based on the classic Jane Austen novel. It will feature a 17-piece orchestra and a cast filled with Broadway actors. A November '09 opening is planned. For more info visit [www.prideandprejudicebroadway.com](http://www.prideandprejudicebroadway.com).

When in the Atlanta area, you can catch Beth Galvin '87 of Decatur, GA, on the FOX5 Health Watch. She is the station's lead health and medicine reporter and is nationally acclaimed for her stories, which inspire and inform. In 2006, Beth won a regional Emmy for Outstanding Achievement for Health/Science/Medical reporting. She has also been recognized for her reporting by the Georgia Associated Press Broadcasters and the Georgia Physicians Association/Atlanta Medical Association. Beth and her husband, Brad, enjoy traveling in their free time.

Rita Delany Harris '87 lives in assisted living in Portland, OR, near her family. She's enjoying life at almost 93 years young!

Bernice Isaac '87 of Marietta, GA, is acting administrator at Temple Beth Tikvah in Roswell, GA, where she has worked for the past three years.

Jacquelyn Kunkel Ivey-Weaver '87 of Macon has sad news to share. She writes, "My grandson was called to help a friend (May 2007) and was murdered. He was a person who would always help where ever help was needed - a peace maker."

## ▲ 1989 (20th Reunion)

Pirates returned for the "BIG 20" from ports of call all over the country. Reunion Co-Chairs Lura Harrell Hammock and Denise Check Brown planned for weekend fun that included plenty of time for "pirate tales" at the



## Class of 1989 (20th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Tracy Ward Tilley, Julia Baker Huster, Denise Cheek Brown  
**Row 2:** Penny Whitley Windham, Malika Ghosh Garrett, Lura Harrell Hammock, Donna Carole Kitchens, Pam Hissing Jacobson, Ashley Jones Childers  
**Row 3:** Cheryl Mills Lamb, Mary Beth Brown Swearingen, Lynn Summerour Ivey, Debbie Long Hood, Debbie Stevenson Moses  
**Row 4:** Dale-Renee "Tootsie" Barfield Waters, Tiffany Brannen Taylor, Geovette Washington, Tyrene House Neil, Jennifer Kane Chacosky.



home of Class Liaison **Tracy Ward Tilley**, who hosted a BBQ dinner on Saturday. Career moves and kids were treasured topics of conversation, as was the prospect of their next reunion - the "BIG 25!"

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association would like to thank **Debbie Stevenson Moses '89** of Atlanta for her nine year term of service on the Board of Managers, most recently as past president. Debbie is director of claims and litigation for Piedmont Healthcare, Inc. Her office is on the Piedmont Office campus in Buckhead. We send sympathy to Debbie on the loss of her father in November. (See *Sympathy*.)

## 1990s

**Shantras Lakes '90** is the program officer at Fulton County Arts Council, the largest funder of the arts in Georgia, where she directs the grantmaking program for Fulton County. Shantras and James have a 2 year-old daughter named Opadoyin "Doyin" Nicole Smiley. Opadoyin is a Nigerian name from the Yoruba culture which means "devotion to the ancestors will bring sweetness to your life."

**Annie Mae Leonard Mitcham '90** still lives in Macon and pays tribute to her professors - the late Dr. Jacob Quiambao and Dr. Helen Hollis, who were an inspiration for her training. "Thanks for preparing me to be and shape what kind of woman I have become. I am happy for being a part of Wesleyan's success."

**Melissa Malone Constable '91** of Pawleys Island, SC, is a new part-time consultant for Usborne Books at Home. [www.scbeachreaders.com](http://www.scbeachreaders.com). "All Wesleyan alumnae, faculty, staff, or current students are eligible for free shipping when they send in their orders to my email: [scbeachreaders@yahoo](mailto:scbeachreaders@yahoo).

[com](http://com)." Melissa enjoyed being part of Alumnae Marketplace during Alumnae Weekend '09.

**Anne Cordeiro '92** moved to Augusta in April ('08) and began a new job as community relations manager at Doctors Hospital. Recently she was named a Paul Harris Fellow. She is a member of the Augusta Rotary Club. This fall she and her husband, Rafe Semmes, will be hosting a student from Sweden.

**Rev. Jennifer Johnson '92** of Ashland, KY, can add the title "author" to her resume. Her debut book, *The Jinx*, was released digitally (Wild Rose Press) in August '08. The print release followed in December. Her second book, *The Clergy Affair*, is due out in 2009.

Congratulations to **Penny Stone Jorgenson '92** of Macon and husband Mike on the birth of a daughter, Angelina, on July 12, 2008. Angelina joins 2 year-old sister Kari. Penny's husband, Mike, recently started his new position as the pastor for Bethel Baptist Church in Monticello, GA. (See *Births*.)

**MaryStewart Glendenning Lewis '92** of Signal Mountain, TN, is the new regional director of AT&T. She has held various positions at Bell South/AT&T since '99 and says that educating the consumer about why AT&T products are good for them and for East Tennessee is all part of day's work. After work, she spends time with Matt and her two sons and even finds time to read and play Bunco with friends.

**MaryTherese Grabowski Tebbe '92** of Warner Robins, GA, served as Wesleyan's 2009 Commencement speaker. She is the executive director of the 21st Century Partnership, and serves as the community liaison with Robins Air Force Base, the State of Georgia, Congressional delegations, and community entities for all community matters that impact Robins Air Force Base.

**Phaedra C. Parks '93, Esq.**, managing partner of The Parks Group, was recognized (Nov. '08) for community service by Outstanding Young People of Atlanta, a nonprofit organization (founded in 1968) that recognizes civic-minded professionals (ages 21-36) who distinguish themselves in their professions and who help better the city of Atlanta.

**Angela Phipps White '93** of Ranger, GA, works with moms for abuse prevention and to promote healthy families.

## ▲1994 (15th Reunion)

Reunion Chair **Lee Twombly** and her committee welcomed PKs of 1994 "back to the future" when they returned to campus in April for a fantastic 15<sup>th</sup>! With a "Girls Night Out" party planned on the patio of the Munroe Science Center on Friday, classmates spent an evening in the midst of Wesleyan's newest venture into the future. Traveling to Gray, GA, on Saturday, more "talk-till-you-drop" conversations continued at the home of **Nikki MacMillan Collins**. PK pride pepped up the annual meeting when classmate **Valerie Knopik** received the Young Alumna Award. **Cara Carroll Baity** served as class liaison. **Melanie Rahn, Wendy Martin Windham, Jacqui Dravis Wilson**, and Class E-Rep **Jill Hauver Celeste** also served on the committee.

**Nicole Keller Derrick '94** lives in Ackworth, GA, and has two boys now. The second, Cooper, was born July 10, 2007. "After he was born I was diagnosed with early stage ovarian cancer. Happy to report that after a 15 month fight, treatment, and surgery, I am cancer free and doing well! I am blessed and plan to tell others about always listening to your body and being your own advocate. Nicole and her family all enjoyed attending Alumnae Weekend.

**Janelle Reynolds Fleming '94** was sorry to miss her 15 year reunion but her second child was due at the same time! "I hope everyone had a great time and I wish I could see everyone again. Life is good in eastern (Moorehead City) NC." (See *Births*.)

**Katherine Cain Johnson '94** lives in Jacksonville, AL, where she teaches English at Jacksonville State University. She and Steve have been married for seven years. Katie has been the pianist for West Side Baptist Church for 15 years.

"I've enjoyed the opportunity to be the 2009 reunion chair. It has been great to see my classmates, especially those I haven't seen since graduation 15 years ago! All the best to everyone until the next reunion in 2014!" says **Lee Twombly '94**. Lee lives in Macon, and received her master's degree in library and information science (MLIS) from the University of South Carolina.

**Jacqui Dravis Wilson '94** of Macon will graduate from Argosy University - Atlanta in July '09 with an M.A. in professional counseling. She completed a 10-month internship at River Edge Behavioral Health. This August she will teach psychology and world history at Rutland High School in Macon.

**Merry Barton '95** recently bought a new home in Moncks Corner, SC. She works with The City of North Charleston Public Works Dept. as a staff engineer.

For the past few years, **Dr. Stephanie Russ-Barber '95** of Tifton, GA, has worked with Clemson Seneca Pediatrics in Clemson, SC. She and her family relocated back to Georgia in Summer '08. Her husband is chief development officer at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. They have three children: Bennett, Laney-Gracy, and Brooks.





## Class of 1994 (15th reunion)

(L to R) Row 1: Annette Nassir and Nicole Keller Derrick Row 2: Sheila Ann Davis, Cara Carrol Baity, Holly Hawkins Odum, Alexis Long, Crystal Wright Dean, Lee Twombly Row 3: Kimberly Parker, Elizabeth Bockmiller Ceranowski, Kate Cain Johnson Row 4: Valerie Suzanne Knopik, Melanie Rahn, Wendy Nembhard, Kim Casey Stanfill.

**Erinne "Erin-E" Guice Hatchett '95** and **Jonathan** are building a veterinary hospital in Bremen, GA, where they live. "We are very excited. If any of you are close by we would love the chance to show it off!"

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association would like to thank **Betty Lo '95** of Mabelton, GA, for six years of service on the Board of Managers, first as secretary and then as vice president for admissions.

In Charleston, SC, **Elizabeth "Beth" Hodges McKeever '96** owns her own business, McKeever Fine Art, LLC, (artwork for sale at [mckeeverfineart@etsy.com](http://mckeeverfineart@etsy.com)), which provides art services and decorative painting to local interior designers. This year her work is on display at the Charleston Symphony Orchestra Designer's Showhouse. Beth also won a prize to create a painting to celebrate the 30th anniversary of her graduate institution, The Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD).

**Pam Lavache Davis '97** of Warner Robins is in graduate school at Fort Valley State College and University (last semester), where she is pursuing a master's degree in school counseling. She will intern this summer.

**Carrie Herndon '97** of Alexandria, VA, was excited to attend **Wendy Lazzaro's '97** wedding to Tom Grover, where she had another opportunity to spend time with Wendy and **Kara Bollmeier Jagger '97**, who lives in Austin, TX. (See *Marriages*.)

"I am enjoying every minute of the time I get to spend at home with my two sons, Carter (5) and Aaron (1). I am also working on my specialist's degree in instructional technology from the University of West Georgia," writes **Stephanie Pate Lewis '97** from Rome, GA. The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association would also like to thank

Stephanie for serving as vice president for publications and public relations on the Board of Managers.

**Florencia Valle Miller '97** has been married since 1998 and has one daughter, Lucia Violeta Miller, who was born on November 14, 2006.

From Marietta, GA, **Beth Hitt Rogers '97** shares BIG news! "I'm pregnant - Baby Boy Rogers is due in August. Clara Louise is excited to be a big sister," she writes. Beth teaches at KSU and will be done with her Ph.D. coursework this summer.

**Sue McMaster Sanda '97** of Macon remembers her mother, **Edith Chappell McMaster '42**, who passed away Sept. 11, 2008. "My mother graduated with a Bachelor of Music from Wesleyan College and studied at the Conservatory under Joseph Maerz, renowned pianist & professor. During her years at Wesleyan, she was a member of Glee Club, Piano Club, Vesper Choir, YWCA Cabinet and served as secretary - treasurer of her senior class." (See *Sympathy*, Fall '08 Magazine.)

## 1999 (10th Reunion)

Reunion Chair **Dana Karstensen-Bryan** made plans for a totally terrific 10th reunion, and Golden Hearts were not disappointed. Classmates met at Buffalo's on Friday and again on Saturday at the home of **Danielle Fleming Fanning**, who hosted the class party. Sharing heart to heart conversations all weekend long made for fun "catch up" times. Everyone agreed that GHs are still "winners from the start." **Michele McDuffie** served as class liaison.

She earned a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from UGA in 2003, and is a Six Sigma Black Belt for SABIC Innovative Plastics, but **Jessica Jarman**

'99 is most proud of her new son, Robert (Robby) Baylea Jarman, born February 6, 2009, in Evansville, IN. (See *Births*.)

**Dana Karstensen-Bryan '99** has been on the move. She writes, "In March we left California and took a 2 1/2 week camping trip across the northern states to a temporary duty station in Connecticut. We visited numerous national parks and had a great time with six animals and lots of snow. While in CT, I was able to catch up with **Jessica Salter '00**, who now lives in Rhode Island. In September we moved to Virginia and signed on our 1<sup>st</sup> house the day before my birthday. Hopefully, this home will last a while!"

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association would like to thank **Shannon McGinley Dunavan '99** for serving as secretary of the Board of Managers for the past three years. Shannon married Alan Dunavan on April 6, 2008, at Savannah Rapids Pavillion in Evans, GA. **Amanda Benson Gay '99** was a bridesmaid and **Amy-Chris Vinson '99** and **Kathryn Smith Vinson '99** also joined in the celebration. Shannon and Alan will continue to reside in Augusta, GA. (See *Marriages*.) We also send our sympathy to Shannon on the death of her grandmother, Pauline Jolley, on January 19, 2008, and her grandfather, Calvin Jolley, on June 18, 2008.

**Monica Jenkins Moton '99** has moved to College Park, GA. She has two daughters, ages 2 and 4. Monica works for Southcare Funeral Home/Cremations Society of the South located in Stockbridge. She has been certified in the funeral industry since 2003.

"My husband and I have two beautiful boys (5 years and 16 months). I have just been transferred to a new school, teaching kindergarten. Being moved to another school and a new grade level has renewed my love for

teaching. It is the most amazing job in the world!" writes **Jennifur Rosado Tanner '99** of Warner Robins, GA.

## 2000s

**Lindsay Abernethy '00** writes "I started law school last fall in Missoula, Montana, at the University of Montana. I miss Macon!"

**Melissa Lockert Lain '00** of Nashville, TN, has four children, Anthony (5), Jackson (3), Aidan (22 months), and Kate (2 months). She is a stay-at-home mom who homeschools and volunteers in the children's and women's ministries at her church. (See *Births*.)

**Dr. Melissa "Missy" Graham Meeks '00** lives in Macon and is enjoying her teaching experiences at Georgia Tech.

**Jan Tedders '00** of Lizella, GA, is back at Wesleyan working as systems administrator for computer and information resources. Welcome back, Jan!

"I was married last July and now live in Fort Oglethorpe, GA. I have been working for T-Mobile in Chattanooga for a little over a year now and I love my job!" writes **Belinda Hewett Wells '00**. (See *Marriages*.)

"Alaska is beautiful - come visit!" writes **Cally Whiddon '00** from Eagle River, AK.

**Haley Davis Heath '01** of Bolingbroke, GA, stays busy as a professional outdoorswoman. In addition to working full time at Bass Pro Shops, she hosts *Family Traditions with Haley Heath* on The Sportsman Channel and is passionate about encouraging women and their families to become active in the outdoors. In 2006, Haley was the only woman to compete for the title of ESPN's Ultimate Outdoorsman and took second place in the competition. (She may have



## Class of 1999 (10th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Dana Karstensen-Bryan, Amanda Benson Gay, Michele McDuffie, Shayna Jordan Pierce, Carrie Walker Dumm **Row 2:** Nita Mohanty, Sarah Marshall, Amanda Marine Evans **Row 3:** Erica Collinsworth Lockwood, Odonia Ezell - Whiddon, Jennifur Rosado Tanner, Heather Beene Booker, Tiffany Grayson, Jessica Jarman **Row 4:** Shannon McGinley Dunavan, Daphne Ristau, Demetria Brown Patterson **Row 5:** Danielle Fleming Fanning, Monica Jenkins Moton, Kawana West, Amanda Avery Cooper, Tamarah Taylor.



won the title, but she pulled out of the competition nine months into her pregnancy.) Haley and her husband, G.O., have two children, Gunner and Dakota.

**Andrea Morgan Mendez '01** of Covington, GA, is the new patron development officer at the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

**Supriya Reddy '02** of Birmingham, AL, is pursuing a Ph.D. in health education with one more year to go!

**Toyosi Fatunase '03** lives in Durham, NC. After graduating from medical school in May 2007, she has completed her second year of internal medicine residency at Duke University Medical Center.

**John** and **Hannah Gandy Fleckenstein '03** are glad to have baby Olivia Bailey home from the hospital after her arrival last October 28. As a preemie she spent considerable time in the hospital but is home now and doing well. Proud grandmother **Glennnda Kingry Elliott '65** says, "Olivia is just beautiful." (See *Births*.)

In Atlanta, **Lauren Haney '03** has worked as an event coordinator with the High Museum of Art for three years. In addition, she's involved in the Atlanta theatre scene, where she completed shows with the Rosewater Theatre and Alliance Theatre acting programs last fall.

"I recently connected with another Denver alumna, **Sarah Dushame '05**. We got together with **Megan Odom '04** this past winter in Denver. On a personal note, I am engaged to John Hardee IV of Sea Island, GA. Our wedding will be in June 2009 in Evergreen, CO. For the past two years, I have been managing sales and marketing for several national healthcare magazines and websites related to massage therapy, skin care, and wellness," reports **Jodi Miller '03**.

## ▲ 2004 (5th Reunion)

Enjoying a fun-filled 5th reunion, GKs stayed true to tradition by meeting at their signature haunt, "El Hat," during Alumnae Weekend. Reunion Chair **Jessica Spurlock Autry** and Class Liaison **Mary Kathryn Borland** greeted GKs as they returned for a spirited weekend of shared sisterhood and fun memories.

**Sarah Shearouse '04** graduated from Mercer Law School in May 2008 and passed the bar exam. She lives in Canton, GA, where she is an attorney with a small firm.

From across the Atlantic **Anna Deckert '05** reports, "I received my M.A. in Spanish last year and work as an academic advisor at an American University in Madrid, Spain. I am enjoying my time here and plan to stay for a couple of more years. Hello to everyone at Wesleyan!"

"After three years of separation, **Stephanie Kanady '06** and I are roommates once more in Metro DC," reports **Stephanie Mercer '05**. "In January we also ran our first marathon in Disney World."

**Christine Saunders '05** of Athens, GA, graduated from the University of Georgia School of Law on May 16, 2009. In April, she was elected to serve as secretary of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association's Board of Managers.

**Danielle Ducharme Wunn '05** of Lawrenceville, GA, is the marketing coordinator at the Gwinnett Environmental Heritage Center. "My husband and I lived abroad in Germany for 10 months and are happy to be home again!"

**Claire Amy Schultz '06** of Milledgeville, GA, has news to share. She married Peter M. Schultz on November 24 ('08) and completed her master's work in teaching from GC

&SU in May ('09). She writes, "I look forward to teaching art in a local or Louisiana High School by next fall." (See *Marriages*.)

"I live in Gainesville, FL, where I am involved in clinical research. It is exciting to be using my psychology degree, too! I work for psychiatrist Dr. Elias Sarkis in his clinical trials office, where we do psychology base studies that all the big drug companies (such as Lilly, Pfizer, etc.) sponsor. We specialize in ADHD, MDD, and GAD studies. I coordinate studies and enroll subjects of all ages! Our work affects whether or not new or old drugs go or stay on the market. I miss Wesleyan so much!" says **Sara DeCubellis '06**.

Since moving with her husband from New Orleans, LA, to Greenville, SC, **Shanita Douglas-Miller '06** has made a career move - from education to business. As a French process coordinator for Michelin North America, her job allows her to use both of her majors, French and international relations. Shanita wants international relations/ French/ business majors at Wesleyan to know that it is possible to find a career that allows you to use your foreign language skills! I am so grateful to Wesleyan for the preparation and challenging education I received. I send Wesleyan my love."

In November 2008, **Christine Morana '06** debuted her photography in her hometown of Spring Hill, FL, during the Spring Hill Art League's 35th annual Exhibition and Juried Show. "Thanks to the support of family and friends, the show was a serendipitous experience, resulting in a second place overall award in photography. Her body of work captures landscapes, scenes, and portraits of people and places in hundreds of cities in the 45 states, 15 countries, and one U.S. territory that Christine has visited since graduating from Wesleyan.

**Rose Gyampo-Evans '06** wants to share her story. "I graduated in '06 and, after two years, I finally landed the job of my dreams. I came to Wesleyan from Accra, Ghana, in West Africa and I owe my success to Wesleyan. I was a double major in mathematics and business administration; and because of this foundation, I am now an actuary analyst at the GA Farm Bureau, right here in Macon. I was an RA from my sophomore year until I graduated, and that was one of my best experiences. I want international students and mathematics majors to know that with perseverance there is nothing you can't do! I may be the only graduate who is pursuing a career in Actuarial Science, and I would like my story to be known as I continue this exciting but very difficult journey."

**Lauren Hambin '06** of Macon is the new director of foundation relations and stewardship at Wesleyan. The Wesleyan Alumnae Association would like to thank **Lauren** for her term of service on the Board of Managers as member-at-large for student relations.

**Mollie Elizabeth Hughes '06** of Los Angeles, CA, writes, "I graduated in May ('08) from Chapman University in Orange, CA, with my M.F.A. in film and television producing. Following graduation, I produced an independent feature film called "Herpes Boy" starring Beth Grant, Octavia Spencer, and Ahna O'Reilly. In September, I began work as the line producer on the award-winning web series "The Guild." I also got engaged in October to Benjamin Kantor - met at film school. We plan to marry in Georgia in December '09."

**Sabrina Sikora '06** of Macon is engaged to Kevin Dommenege, who is a VP with Goldman Sachs. She met him in NYC six years ago. They are so very happy!





## Class of 2004 (5th reunion)

(L to R) Row 1: Beth Rodgers, Jessica Spurlock Autry, Katie Crozier, Sydney Elkin, Stefanie Bethel Row 2: Lauren Eckman, McKenzie Beitz, Serena Ingram, Bethany Dale, Sarah Shearouse Row 3: Julia Claire Munroe, Mary Kathryn Borland, Jennifer Howard, Devin Harris

Last fall **Shelly Walden '06** of Macon was deployed to Texas for three weeks with the Red Cross to help in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike.

**Melinda Fitzgerald '07** married Joseph Goggans on June 28, 2008. She is still teaching kindergarten in Macon! Melinda's mother, **Mary Ann Aiken Fitzgerald '83** of Macon, is delighted. (See *Marriages*.)

In December, **Anne-Kathrin Witt '07** finished her master's degree in biochemistry and structural biology (summa cum laude) at Max Planck University in Munich, Germany. In January, she decided to enter the business world as a corporate financial advisor in the valuation and strategy sector of Pricewaterhouse Coopers. It's quite a change to substitute her lab coat for a business suit but Anne-Kathrin is thrilled to have this position so soon after graduation. Based in Frankfurt (near her parents' home in Kandel), she will travel internationally as a consultant for acquisitions and mergers by pharmaceutical and medical firms.

**Angie Wright '07** of Warner Robins, GA, recently accepted the position of assistant registrar, Registrar's Office, at Wesleyan. She is a member of the Wesleyan EMBA Cohort XV.

## ▲ 2008 (1st Reunion)

Enjoying their own *WESLEYAN FIRST*, the Class of 2008 returned to campus for their very 1st reunion. GKs gathered at The Tic Toc Room for Friday night "catch ups," and planned a progressive party on Saturday that started with a mixer in Wortham Dorm with the current GK class and continued with more "knight time talks" at El Sombrero. Reunion Chair and Class President, **GinaMarie Cody** and her committee members, **Buchi Chukwuma**, **Vicki Johnson**, and **Allison Scenna** sent FACEBOOK friendly reminders out to return home to the place that is also "first for friends." **Pragna Halder** served as class liaison.

In Nashville, TN, **GinaMarie Cody '08** is working on her master's degree in organizational leadership at Vanderbilt University (Peabody College). She is a research assistant with the special education department, where she tutors and tests 1<sup>st</sup> graders in math. She also interns at a local law firm doing organizational consulting.

**Adaobi C. Iheduru '08** attends Wright State University School of Professional Psychology in Dayton, OH, where she is working on her doctor of psychology degree (Psy.D.) in clinical psychology.

**Carla Ruiz-Ney '08** of Houston, TX, graduated in May '09 with her M.S. degree in finance from the Owen Graduate School of Management, Vanderbilt University. She has begun her investment banking career with Bank of America Securities.

**Missy Poole '08** enjoys being in Nashville, TN, and at Vanderbilt. She says her classes there are similar to those at Wesleyan. Missy worked on a grant for domestic violence shelters in Nashville for one of her classes and is looking for a summer internship. "It's not as busy here as it was at Wesleyan but that's probably a good thing." In February, **Missy** viewed an online showing of the art work of **Barbara Jones Akins '54** of Statesboro, GA, and was inspired by this Conservatory graduate's artistic talent.

**Leane Willis '08** lives in Byron, GA, and is employed by Geico.

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**Pat Duncan, MBA '02** of Macon continues her work as director and founder of Women on the Go, a local affiliate in Georgia of the National Association of Female Executives (NAFE).



**Susan "Sue" Lott Clark '46** of Waycross, GA, donated a copy of her second book to Wesleyan. The book is about her father's family and is entitled *Lott-Bailey Families and Their Relationship to Waycross, Ware County, Georgia*. (Above) Sue Clark and Alumnae Director Cathy Snow. (See 1946 class notes.)

# Thank You

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association would like to thank the following outgoing members of the Board of Managers for their dedicated leadership and years of service.

**Shannon McGinley Dunavan '99**  
Secretary

**Lauren Hamblin '06**  
Member-at-Large for Student Relations

**Stephanie Pate Lewis '97**  
Vice President for Public Relations and Publications

**Betty Lo '95**  
Vice President for Admissions

**Debbie Stevenson Moses '89**  
Past President

**Virginia Barber Perkins '63**  
Alumna Trustee



## Class of 2008 (1st reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Victoria Johnson, Stephanie Hood, Jasmine Jackson, Carla Ruiz-Ney **Row 2:** AnnaKaye Burgher, Wendy Joseph, Leah Roberts, Allison Scenna, Onyebuchi Chukwuma **Row 3:** Jazmine McKellar, Leane Willis, GinaMarie Cody, Adaobi Iheduru



## NORMAN PARRISH McLEAN

### *Wesleyan remembers beloved Professor of Music Mr. Mac*

Wesleyan Professor Emeritus Norman Parrish McLean, known with great affection as Mr. Mac by many, passed away Sunday, January 4, 2009. He was a beloved and admired teacher and colleague at Wesleyan, and the memory of his impressive voice and presence is vivid still.

In 1922, Mr. Mac was born in Alamo, Tennessee, the son of Norman Arthur and Cordie Bennett McLean. Preceding him in death was his wife of forty-five years, Dolores Hanke McLean. Mr. Mac served in the U.S. Army from 1941-1945, honorably discharged as a Sergeant. He received a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Alabama in 1949 and a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University in New York. He studied with Madame Regina Neidliner in New York, Anna Kasas of Indiana University, and Martial Singher of Chicago. He and his wife Dolores performed with symphony orchestras in New York, Boston, Chicago, and throughout the country. He served on the faculty at Cornell College in 1951 and at Wesleyan from 1952 until 1985 as Professor of Music.

He was known as a demanding professor who expected excellence from his students. Many of his students, still performing in the U.S. and Europe, stayed in touch with Mr. Mac through the years.

He and his wife owned and operated McLean Antiques in Macon from 1952 until her death in 1996. He moved to Athens, Georgia, in 1998 and most recently resided at Arbor Terrace. Mr. Mac will be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather who appreciated art in its many forms.

Last November, Nadine Cheek Whitney '79 and Ellen Futral Hanson '83, his former students and current Wesleyan music faculty members, took several voice students to the NATS Master Classes at the University of Georgia. While they were in Athens, Nadine, Ellen, and the students visited with and sang for Mr. Mac at Arbor Terrace. He loved it and even sang along on the hymns. He was alert, well dressed as always, and happy that day. Although his memory was deteriorating, Mr. Mac talked about Wesleyan and the music department where he taught for over thirty years.

Ellen and Nadine report that they have much to remember about what they learned from Mr. Mac as a teacher and mentor: "We can never fill his shoes, but we will carry on in his memory, for the love of music and beautiful singing; we will teach our Wesleyan students in honor of what he gave to us and to so many others!"



Wesleyan celebrated the life of Mr. Mac with a special event during the 2009 Alumnae Weekend. The weekend also included a performance by Metropolitan Opera Star Frederica Von Stade, accompanied by Martin Katz. Both of these marvelous musicians held an extraordinary Master Class on campus – fittingly, this year's edition of the Norman McLean Master Class series.

In honor of Mr. Mac, donations may be made to the Norman McLean Master Class at Wesleyan College in Macon: Wesleyan College, Office of Institutional Advancement, 4760 Forsyth Road, Macon, GA 31210-4462.



# IRENE SEWELL HOBBY '22

*"she had a heart to resolve, a head to understand, and a hand to execute"*

Wesleyan College mourns the loss of Irene Sewell Hobby, a Wesleyanne from the class of 1922 who had a profound influence on her *alma mater*. Her days as a student foreshadowed much of the remarkable life that would follow – including a degree with honors in Expression and service as President of the Young Women's Christian Association. The following includes excerpts based on the remarks delivered by Wesleyan President Ruth Knox '75 at the memorial service held in Atlanta, Georgia.

In her senior year, the editors of the yearbook said of her: "In every deed she had a heart to resolve, a head to understand, and a hand to execute." She said on several occasions that Wesleyan gave her what she needed for life, including assurance, friends, and a deeper Christian commitment. The truth is, however, that Mrs. Hobby brought extraordinary gifts with her to Wesleyan, which she developed to the fullest and then gave back – to Wesleyan and to others throughout the state – many times over.

Her service to Wesleyan took many forms, beginning in 1928 as the first chairman of Atlanta Group IV, Wesleyan's oldest continuously meeting alumnae decade group. She was President of the entire Atlanta Club from 1937-39 and remained active until recent times. In 1954, she became the tireless champion of the Wesleyan College Historical Society, dedicated to the preservation of the original Wesleyan campus. Her alumnae volunteer work reflects an incredibly wide range of efforts to save that great old building, including speaking to alumnae, writing letters for the College magazine and to the editors of the Macon newspaper, raising private funds, even what we would call today "lobbying" the state legislature and the Governor to protect the historic treasure where the first college chartered for women was located for more than 100 years. When others lost faith, Mrs. Hobby persevered, until the building sadly burned in 1963. Undaunted even then, she kept the notion of a home for the alumnae alive until the Candler Building on the current campus was dedicated for that purpose several years later.

Mrs. Hobby also served as President of the College's national Alumnae Association from 1955-58, which led the next year to



her selection for the College's Board of Trustees. Several wonderful letters remain in the College archives from this period, including thoughtful, well-researched, and beautifully crafted arguments made to the Chairman of the Board and to the College's lawyers during a time of obvious tension between the faculty and administration.

In her eloquent and gracious style, she tells the Chairman of the Board exactly what he should do, because she has arranged a tea with the faculty and listened to their concerns – modestly saying that she is so new to the Board that they will still talk with her. Clearly, she knew how to handle a problem, and she was not intimidated in the slightest by the stature of these men in leadership positions. On display then, as often was

the case, were that "heart to resolve, head to understand, and hand to execute" described of young Irene in 1922.

In April of 2002 at the annual meeting of Wesleyan alumnae, our campus community celebrated Mrs. Hobby's 100th birthday. She gave a now legendary speech to the graduating seniors who were being inducted into the Alumnae Association that day, according to Wesleyan President Ruth Knox.

"I do not exaggerate when I say that hers was the most powerful, most effective, and most moving speech I have ever heard," said President Knox. "After receiving some little assistance to get from her chair on the stage to the microphone, she stood there with her hands firmly planted on either side of the podium, without a single note in front of her, and spoke with eloquence, passion, and grace for at least ten minutes – never pausing, never uttering a single 'uh,' and looking absolutely beautiful.

"Her message was simple but profound – Wesleyan has given you, too, everything you need for life. Use what you have learned to love and serve the Lord, maintain solid friendships, and give back to your community. The standing ovation lasted for several minutes, and no one in that room ever will forget the magical moments she gave us. Her brilliant mind and her gift of expression were unsurpassed."



# MARGARET MUNROE THROWER '35

*"whose life serves as a model for those values we treasure most"*

Wesleyan College mourns the loss of Margaret Munroe Thrower '35 who, at the age of 93, died peacefully on February 17, 2009 with her husband at her side. The following includes excerpts from the remarks written and delivered by Wesleyan President Ruth Knox '75 at the memorial service held in Atlanta, Georgia.

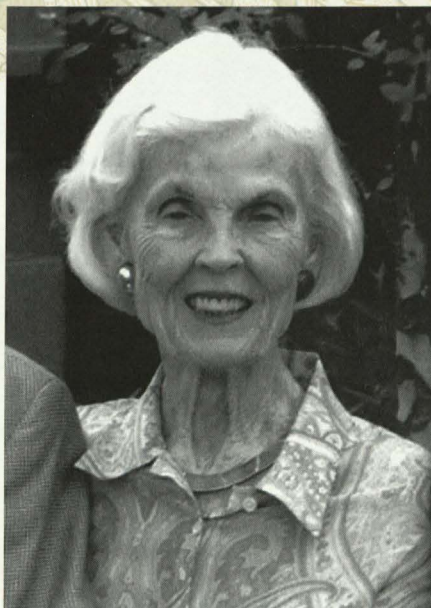
Referred to her by her father as "The Gold Child," Margaret Munroe Thrower was noted for her beauty, bright spirit, and generosity. She received her bachelor's degree in 1935 from Wesleyan, where she majored in biology and was president of the senior class. Her loyalty to Wesleyan continued throughout her life with frequent visits and enthusiastic support.

Her incredible generosity is well known, and the Wesleyan of today – most especially our spectacular Munroe Science Center and its related faculty chairs and scholarships – would not exist without the collective contributions of Margaret, her husband Randolph, and her sisters Mary Gray and Julia. That pattern of generosity began many years ago.

In March of 1939, she sent a note to Wesleyan College with a gift for that year's annual fund. The amount of the donation is not known, but the acknowledgment letter hints that it was special: "Dear Margaret: It is grand of you to send that nice check right after achieving a trousseau and a wedding. I call that real generosity. Congratulations and all good wishes to you and your husband for a long and happy life together. Love, Jennie Loyall, Alumnae Secretary."

Margaret's correspondance with the College reflects gift after gift since then, probably an uninterrupted record for the next seventy years. Her contributions often were accompanied by a notation of her desire to honor another alumna, friend, or professor – even the College president. And in her distinctive handwriting, she almost always included some news from home or about a classmate, followed by her favorite ending line – Hail Wesleyan, with a great big exclamation point! Margaret's generosity was itself distinctive, because each gift seemed to carry with it a genuine sense of gratitude and pride. She wanted no recognition. Instead, she was concerned about thanking and recognizing others and helping the College grow stronger – which she certainly accomplished.

The 1935 yearbook, showing a beautiful young Margaret Munroe as senior class president, also highlights another of the values that stayed with her throughout her life. Under her photograph is the line: There are many nice things to be said about Marg, but



perhaps the nicest is that she is everyone's friend.

In the months following graduation, after she had returned to Quincy, Florida, Margaret sent at least four postcards and letters to Wesleyan reporting on the whereabouts of almost every classmate. She maintained that role of keeping them connected for her entire life – expanding her reach to include any alumna she knew. This talent for making connections, and keeping them strong, was on display everywhere she went.

She married Randolph William Thrower in Quincy on February 2, 1939, and their inspirational and continuing romance was celebrated on their recent 70th wedding anniversary. Together they reared five children and played active roles in their children's activities. Margaret was a partner with Randolph in his many ventures, whether keeping house in a Marine Quonset hut or enthusiastically embracing life in Washington during Randolph's service as Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, 1969-71.

Margaret's husband and their beautiful family were the key to her sparkling eyes, her easy laughter, and her generous heart. In one of those notes she wrote to the College, she said: "We have five children and eleven grandchildren. The children are all good citizens. Grands show promise of same." Three generations of Thrower lawyers, Randolph, Patricia, and Wilson, prove that understated pride was her way.

Margaret enjoyed a long and adventurous life. Her world was filled with wonder, joy, beauty, pride, love, incredible generosity of spirit, and a vast array of friendships. Together with family and friends, she loved travel. With her husband, children and grandchildren, she climbed Ben Nevis (Great Britain's highest peak) when in her 80s, and visited Cuba when almost 90.

Many remember Margaret as a talented artist. Her family celebrated her 90th birthday with the publication of a catalog entitled "Paintings from the Heart." She painted what she loved, and her work included landscapes of her farm and travels, still lifes from her kitchen and garden, and portraits of family members. She also was a lifelong gardener and a founding member and trustee of the Atlanta Botanical Garden. Other volunteer commitments included the Tullie Smith House at the Atlanta History Center, and the Board of Directors of Skyland Trail, George West Mental Health Foundation.





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# Oldest Living Alumna Tells All



In 1928, Amelia Earhart flew solo across the North American continent and back, Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse debuted in the movie "Steamboat Willie," and Herbert Hoover became the 31st president of the United States. The same year, James Dean, Fats Domino, and Shirley Temple were born, and Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin.

In Macon that year, Wesleyan College graduated its last academic class from the original downtown campus on College Street. Few remember what Wesleyan was like in 1928. Recently, Annie Mays Larmore '28 and Mary Lester Brooks '29 returned to campus with spirited determination to get their stories told, recorded, and preserved for future generations of Wesleyannes.

Like every student who didn't live on campus in the early part of the twentieth century, Annie was called a Town Girl. Her family lived next door to the Mercer University campus where her father and grandfather had earned their degrees; but because of her gender, Annie was not allowed to attend Mercer. She and the daughters of five Mercer professors walked two miles to Wesleyan every morning and two miles home every evening. "The streetcar turned off before it got to Wesleyan, but one could take a taxi," Annie said, "if one had the money." Town Girls had one room with a row of lockers and an announcement board. Since they were not on the cafeteria plan, Town Girls walked to the drug store to buy lunch.

According to this history major, women of the 1930s had few choices. "A girl either got married, became a missionary, or taught school," said Annie. "I'm so glad Wesleyan has preparation for all professions now. There needs to be a purpose to graduation." Unlike many women of her generation, Annie earned several degrees and enjoyed professional life as a librarian in Atlanta for forty years.

After graduating from Wesleyan, Annie moved to Abbeville, Georgia, and taught high school history and

served as an assistant to the basketball team. When Mercer began admitting women, Annie enrolled. She saved the money she earned during the school year and spent her summers in Macon earning a master's degree at Mercer. Later Annie earned a graduate degree in library science at Emory University. There she met the man she would eventually marry. "It was the depression," she said. "We courted for nine years. I wore my diamond ring and he'd come visit me in Macon every other weekend."

Annie's longtime friend, Mary Lester Brooks '29, lived on campus during her Wesleyan years and was a member of the first class to graduate on the new Rivoli Campus. By the end of tenth grade, Mary had completed all of the courses that were offered at her high school and graduated as valedictorian. "I could have gone to (school in nearby) Montezuma and finished my last two grades," she said, "but I was determined to go to Wesleyan! My father was for it so I left for college and cultivated friendships with girls who had more education than me." Mary earned a degree in mathematics and taught high school math for several years.

Annie and Mary were founding members of Group IV, the original Atlanta Alumnae Club organized by Irene Sewell Hobby '22 who, before she died in December of 2008 at age 106, was the oldest living Wesleyan graduate. Annie, 102, and Mary, 100, both attended Irene's funeral and remember her fondly.

Both women returned to campus in April for Alumnae Weekend, just as they have almost every year for more than eighty years. "In the 1920s and 1930s Wesleyan was certainly growing, now she's ready to explode," said Annie.

Reflecting on the value of a liberal arts education that results in students who think critically and write and speak effectively, Annie claimed that Wesleyan prepared her with an education that was both relevant and timeless. Her wish for women of today is that they gain the type of education that will allow them to be highly competitive for any professional field and with an understanding of life-long learning to carry them through several generations – just in case they, too, live to be 102 years old.

*"I don't want Wesleyan women today to be limited," said Annie Larmore. "I want them to be strong women who are dedicated to contributing to society. I want Wesleyan women to be big enough socially, mentally, and spiritually to go on from Wesleyan to be whatever they want to be."*



# When people believe in you ... you can believe in yourself.

For as long as she can remember, Recent 2009 Grad Missy Ward's passion has been to help people. By the time she was a high school freshman in Merritt Island, Florida, she realized her passion had developed into a desire to make changes in society. While a student at Wesleyan, she gained the confidence and academic preparation to lead others. She found that when people believe in you, you gain the spiritual strength to really make a difference.

"I never thought of myself as a leader with the ability to start something or be a pioneer," Missy said. "Wesleyan has given me a well-rounded view of certain issues, particularly those involving women." Involvement in the 2008 Summer Leadership Institute on Women's Advocacy in New York City made a huge impact on Missy and opened her mind to the possibilities women have today.

Growing up in Merritt Island, Missy was part of a diverse population. Her best friend was a Palestinian-American Muslim, and learning about Islam and Arabic culture instilled in Missy a desire to work with Muslim refugee women around the world. Through an organization called Student.Go, Missy learned of an opportunity to work with Afghan refugee women in Fremont, California.

There are about 15,000 Afghans living in Fremont, which is the largest Afghan population in the United States. They are predominantly educated people, but many find it hard to adapt to American life. The husbands of most of the women Missy worked with are employed as interpreters by the U.S. Army, and are eager for their wives to learn English.

Through Student.Go, students earn hands-on mission experience by serving the world's unevangelized and marginalized people. Missy spent the summer of 2008 teaching seven Afghan women the English language, transporting them to doctor appointments, and helping with general errands like grocery shopping. Almost all of the women were married and most had small children.



"Observing and dealing with the language barrier was an eye-opening experience," Missy said. "The doctors who examine these women find it difficult to communicate with them. In Afghanistan it is improper for a woman to be examined by a male doctor and women are not allowed to work outside the home, so healthcare for Afghan women is virtually non-existent." Afghanistan has the highest infant mortality rate in the world, and though Missy doesn't speak the Afghan language, the women in Fremont were anxious for her to help interpret the doctors' questions and relay their own responses.

In Afghanistan, women and girls have very few human rights, and are even forbidden to go to school. According to Afghan law, women are equal, but because they are rarely educated, they don't know their rights. Worse, they often are jailed or beaten if they report an instance of abuse. The law takes second place to cultural tradition.

"Afghanistan has such a need for centers for women who have been assaulted," Missy said. "I wish to spend my life educating various communities about the prevalence of this abuse, the need for community activism, and how it can be stopped." She also wants to work with the victims directly.

To gain experience in this area, Missy regularly volunteers at the Macon Rape Crisis Line and Safe House, providing

support and recovery information to victims of sexual violence. She also has assisted in educating Wesleyan students on issues of domestic violence and sexual assault.

She earned a double major in religious studies and political science, with a minor in communication. Her political science interest blossomed through her involvement with the Public Leadership Education Network (PLEN), a national consortium of women's colleges who work together to educate women for public leadership. At Wesleyan, political science majors gain the critical and analytical skills needed to address the complex challenges posed by a rapidly changing world, and the ability to express concepts concisely and forcefully. Being co-chair for Wesleyan's Model United Nations Team since 2007 has fueled her interest in international affairs.

Missy, who is the first person on her father's side of the family to complete college, will be attending McAfee School of Theology in Spring 2010 where she will pursue a Master's of Divinity degree in urban missions. In the meantime, Missy has applied to Student.Go for an opportunity to work this fall with refugees from the Middle East and North Africa who are living in Brussels, Belgium.

As for her goal to open a non-profit organization in the Middle East or North Africa, to assist women and children who have been victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, she isn't concerned about being a westerner fighting for women's rights in a foreign country.

"God desires for people to be loved," she said. "I understand there are dangers but that won't stop me. I'll be careful and the need is so much stronger than concerns for my personal safety. There have been many women who have spoken out on the issue. It is such a testament to the power of having a passion and going through with one's passion."





**WESLEYAN WOMEN ACROSS THE MILES.** (From left) Carol King Pope '59, Anne Strozier '53, Janice "Jan" Boland Smith '61, Gloria Boyette '60, Charlotte Jolly Hale '62, Virginia "Ginger" Sumerford York '60 and Marybelle Proctor Menzel '62 in Italy. **PAINTING "HOUSES IN MONTEPULCIANO"** by Carol King Pope '59. **ENJOYING SISTERHOOD.** (From left) Gloria Boyette '60 and Virginia Sumerford York '60 visit with Jo Patterson Bettoja '47, noted cookbook author, who has lived in Rome since 1952.

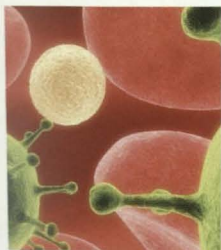
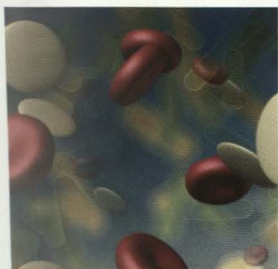
## Postcards from Italy

In November 2008 the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association sponsored an 11-day learning experience in Italy. The Smithsonian Journeys *Italian Masterpieces* tour featured special presentations on art and architecture in Rome, Florence, Siena, Perugia, Assisi, Montepulciano, and Orvieto with an excursion to Lucca. Wesleyan alumnae, spouses, and friends experienced the warmth of Tuscan and Umbrian hospitality while being immersed in the cultural study of Italy's incomparable treasures.

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## There are two new ways to support the Loyalty Fund!

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For more information about these two great opportunities, contact the Office of Annual Giving at 478-757-5170 or go to our website: [www.wesleyancollege.edu/give](http://www.wesleyancollege.edu/give)

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# Wesleyan WOWs Macon

## with community-wide service event

Wesleyan College organized more than a hundred volunteers through its last WOW! A Day for Macon community-wide service event and completed multiple projects simultaneously at ten separate work sites throughout the city of Macon.

Wesleyan's Lane Center for Community Engagement & Service coordinated students, faculty, staff, and community volunteers in the mass effort. The volunteers gathered in the College's historic Anderson Dining Hall for breakfast and received their assignments before setting off to complete various community projects with participating non-profit organizations.

Local community sites benefiting from the event included Habitat for Humanity, Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table, Methodist Home for Children and Youth, Magnolia Manor, Georgia Industrial Children's Home, Wesley Glen, Crisis Line & Safe House of Central Georgia, Goodwill Industries, and Loaves and Fishes. Chores included cleaning, painting, landscaping, sorting clothes, creating autumn wreaths, and other jobs at the host sites.

"With much preplanning, we are able to tackle a few major projects for several organizations in one Saturday -- things that our partner agencies really don't have the staff or time to get done," said Lane Center Director Rhonda Green-Barnes. "Basically, we all head out willing to do whatever we have to do: cleaning, scrubbing, yard work, painting, and other chores. Whatever it takes."

WOW! A Day for Macon is an integral part of Wesleyan's goal to promote service-based learning among its students while building upon Wesleyan's mission to be "first for women's education—striving for excellence, grounded in faith and engaged in service to the world." Twice yearly, the Lane Center coordinates this mass-volunteer service effort.

Service can't be limited to the efforts of a single day, but the accomplishments of WOW! projects provide an enriching introduction to the power of engagement, inspiring many students to make longer-term commitments. Although service is not a requirement at Wesleyan, two-thirds of the students remain actively engaged in the community through Lane Center initiatives at dozens of local agencies throughout their college careers.

### WOW! Initiative is gaining momentum

Inspired by the success of Wesleyan's WOW! A Day for Macon, Wesleyan alumnae clubs are organizing their own WOW! Days in cities across the country from Miami to New York. Join local alumnae and get involved in the main WOW! A Day for Macon. In Atlanta, area alumnae volunteered at City of Refuge and in Columbus, area alumnae volunteered with Open Door Community House. In Miami, Florida, area alumnae helped out at the Special Olympics Summer Games '09. Read more about these projects on the Alumnae Connections page. Alumnae clubs in Atlanta, Columbus, and St. Simons are already gearing up for more of their own WOW! Day efforts.

### Get Involved!

Coordinate a WOW! A Day effort in your area! It's fun! It's free! To find out more, call the Alumnae Office at 478-757-5172.

Pictured: During a recent WOW! A Day for Macon community service event, Wesleyan students sorted clothes at Goodwill Industries, worked on a new house with Habitat for Humanity, and performed deep cleaning at Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table and the Georgia Industrial Children's Home.



## A Day in the Life of a young entrepreneur

Bell-bottoms, just got 'em. Fifty bucks including tax! Everything old is new again in a day of the life of a young entrepreneur. Enameled ear bobs from the 60s hang beside a Jackie O cap. A vibrant macramé shawl, vinyl boots, and a gold brocade mini beg, "Buy me!" Racks from floor to ceiling overflow with garments that, according to the shopkeeper, "tell a story and deserve to be connected with someone who will appreciate their uniqueness." One by one, from dresses to handbags, each item was hand picked, restored to its original glory, and artfully displayed.

Vintage treasures from eras that pre-date the owner by decades await new life in a tiny boutique in Macon, Georgia. Nestled downtown on Cotton Avenue is a unique treasure trove of jewelry, shoes, accessories, and designer duds for guys and gals called Treasure Vintage. Its owner, Rebecca Edmonson '08, welcomes collectors from as far away as Athens and Atlanta to her tiny shop "full of things hidden away then found again." She places a high value on second-hand accessories and her passion for vintage clothing overrides one small detail, that this studio art major has no business background.

In April of 2008, on the eve of commencement, Rebecca considered her future and knew she wanted to do something fun and different with her studio art degree. Her eye for fashion,

natural ability to pull a unique outfit together, and the offending absence of a vintage clothing store in the area all inspired Rebecca to take a hefty risk – open a specialty one-of-a-kind vintage clothing boutique. Since Rebecca had no business background, she relied on her self-enterprising personality to get the store open.

"To be an artist is to be a small business," she said, "It's all about figuring out a way to sell your craft and sell yourself." Rebecca's knowledge of color theory pairs well with her love of textures, fabrics, and detailing. Her knack for merchandising and showcasing the unique qualities of her wares has given Treasure Vintage a personality all its own.

Initially, Rebecca was looking for a business partner. Several potential backers offered to put up the money for a store and let Rebecca be the manager. "I didn't really like that," she said. "I didn't want to be second in command for my idea! So, I figured, if others can do it by themselves, I can too." And so she did.

With a very limited advertising budget, Rebecca relies on the foot traffic downtown offers. Traffic-stopping window displays invite curious shoppers in to her little store packed with popular vintage styles of a millennium gone by. The majority of Rebecca's shoppers are women aged seventeen to thirty-five,

but she also has a growing clientele of businessmen who stop in during their lunch hour. A savvy businesswoman, she keeps late hours to capture overflow from evening downtown events. Live music performed at the bookstore across the street, for example, offers opportunity to capitalize on a Tuesday night crowd.

Dressed head to toe in something extraordinary, Rebecca is a walking billboard for her business. Hired scouts hunt for new goodies to replenish the store's inventory. Always on the lookout for new treasures, Rebecca and her "buying agents" visit estate sales, negotiate deals, and recycle items from their own closets. With the inspiration of a dozen decades, the look of her store is constantly changing. Even the walls display decorative vintage art and work painted by local artists.

"The world of art encourages you to keep pushing yourself, changing yourself, keep moving forward and I think fashion does that too. Even old clothes can be current," Rebecca said.

So what qualifies as vintage? Call it as you see it, claimed the expert. Where vintage starts and where it ends changes everyday. Vintage can be what is currently in demand or an item that brings a sense of nostalgia to someone. Rebecca considers anything predating the 80s as vintage. Handbags and clothing predating 1970 are hot ticket items. In Rebecca's boutique, customers





# Wesleyan First Book Awards

Two Thomson High School students enjoyed a big surprise this spring at a McDuffie County Board of Education meeting. Wesleyan President Ruth Knox returned to her hometown and presented scholarships to two outstanding students from her *alma mater*, Thomson High School. The presentation was one of several Wesleyan First Award presentations that occurred throughout Georgia and Florida this spring.

Sponsored by the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association, the Wesleyan First Award is given to a high school sophomore or junior girl who is active in community service and who has strong leadership and academic potential, with a minimum GPA of 3.0. The award includes a book and the Wesleyan First Scholarship, valued at \$5,000 per year if the student attends Wesleyan College. The scholarship is renewable each year at Wesleyan if the student continues to meet the original criteria for the scholarship.

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association created the Wesleyan First Award in 2008 and presented awards to outstanding high school students at Brookstone School in Columbus, Georgia; Leon High School in Tallahassee, Florida; and Robert F. Munroe Day School in Quincy, Florida. The program encourages Wesleyan alumnae clubs across the country to identify and honor prospective students within their local communities. This year, Wesleyan College offered more than \$160,000 in scholarships to students across Georgia and Florida through the program. In all, thirty-two students were recognized through local presentations this spring.

In 2009, Wesleyan First Awards were presented to students at the following high schools in Georgia: Brookstone School and Columbus High School in Columbus; Frederica Academy in St. Simons Island; Holy Innocents' Episcopal School, King's Ridge Christian School, and Atlanta Girls' School in Atlanta; Whitewater High School in Fayetteville; Jonesboro High School in Jonesboro; Augusta Preparatory Day School in Augusta; Howard High School in Macon; and Thomson High School in Thomson. Also, awards will be presented to students at the following high schools in Florida: Leon High School and Lawton Chiles High School in Tallahassee, Robert F. Munroe Day School in Quincy, St. Johns Country Day and Episcopal High School in Jacksonville, and Bay High School in Panama City.

The 2008 and 2009 Wesleyan First Award included a book, either *We Are Our Mothers' Daughters* or *Founding Mothers* by Cokie Roberts, and the Wesleyan First Scholarship. Each book presented includes the following inscription: *The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association's WESLEYAN FIRST BOOK AWARD is presented to an exceptional female student who exhibits outstanding academic achievement, strong leadership, and active community service to others.*

also will find a small collection of newer clothes from current designers like Yves St. Laurent, Dior, and Gucci. The exclusivity of many high-end brands keeps items from these collections in constant demand.

Despite a slight slump in sales caused by the recession, Rebecca is confident about the future of Treasure Vintage. A second-hand store offers a fabulous price on quality apparel that has been well kept for generations. Each item is unique to the person wearing it. Rebecca's five-year plan includes staying downtown, but moving to a larger location that offers a warehouse-type open space. She would like to incorporate furniture into her vintage offerings.

"The more options you can give your customers, the more likely they are to buy," she said. So, if you're cleaning out a closet or attic and find a little something from the 60s or even a prom dress from the 80s, let Rebecca find a good home for your vintage treasures.

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## Wesleyan Market

Sat., July 11, 2009, 10AM to 2PM  
Sat., August 1, 2009, 10AM to 2PM  
Don't miss the Wesleyan Market this summer! This fun outdoor community event features a variety of locally grown and produced items ranging from flowers, artisanal cheeses, baked goods, and organic fruits and vegetables to fresh shrimp, hand-made soaps, gourmet salts, and work by local artists. Music performances, plus fun educational displays and art demonstrations will be offered, also. It's free and open to the public. (478) 757-5233.

## Admission Office Special Events

### Open House:

June 19, 2009

## United Methodist Youth Day:

September 19, 2009

## Fine Arts Audition Day:

October 26, 2009

The Office of Admission welcomes prospective students from all stages of the college search process to participate in our special admission events. From open house events to overnight weekends, we've got lots of activities designed to introduce the strengths of Wesleyan College. (478) 757-5206.

## Twelfth Night, or What You Will

Adapted and directed by Dr. Jan Lewis  
October 15, 16 & 17, 2009 at 8PM  
Wesleyan College, Porter Auditorium  
Join us for an all-female production of  
Shakespeare's beloved romantic comedy,  
*Twelfth Night*. During Shakespeare's  
lifetime, all the actors on the British stage  
were men, with the women's roles played  
by boys. "So," Professor Lewis asks, "why  
not turn this tradition around and have  
all the roles played by our wonderful  
Wesleyan women?" Wesleyan Organist  
Dr. Michael McGhee will create musical  
interludes and sound effects for the  
performance. (478) 757-5259.